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New hospital nears completion

TANJUNGKARANG, Indonesia (BP)—Construction of new facilities for the Baptist hospital on the island of Sumatra should be completed by the end of August, according to Southern Baptist missionary Bobby Jones, the on-site project manager.

Arrangements are still being negotiated with the government for opening the new facilities and transferring the Baptist-related staff from Immanuel Hospital at Bukittinggi. More than 40 of the 72 employees and staff at Immanuel are scheduled to move.

The \$2 million for the new complex comes from a transfer arrangement worked out with the Indonesian government when it decided Baptists must leave Immanuel Hospital because of religious and political tensions in the predominantly Muslim area around Bukittinggi. Although the hospital now belongs to the government, the Baptist-led staff has continued to operate it while the new facilities are being built.

Facilities for the 50-bed hospital, yet to be named, will be complete—a surgery suite with two large and one smaller operating rooms, wards, administration offices, clinic, nurses' dormitory, kitchen, laundry, morgue, generator and storage buildings and housing for physicians and other staff members. All buildings will be fireproof, with steel framework construction and cement floors.

"It will be as close to maintenance-free as possible," Jones said, making it simpler for the Union of Indonesian Baptist Churches to support it later.

Win Applewhite, one of two Southern Baptist missionary physicians at the Bukittinggi hospital — the other is Gene Ruble — is in charge of the construction and calls the new facilities "the best-built project I've seen anywhere." Though it is not fancy, he said, quality is being built into it. He gives credit to Jones' quality control. (Mrs. Laverne

Facilities for the 50-bed hospital, Applewhite is a Mississippi native.) can be a strong witness, he said, "we

"There's always the personal pleasure of seeing something you cut out of cardboard become a reality," mused Applewhite, who had fashioned a tabletop model early in the planning process. "We learned by our previous mistakes and our previous successes," added the surgeon, who helped oversee completion of the Baptist hospital at Kediri on the island of Java and construction of Immanuel Hospital after the death of missionary physician Frank Owens, who first opened a clinic in Bukittinggi.

After a series of delays in securing a site and permission to build, Baptists located their Sumatra hospital at Bukittinggi in 1972. Because of the hospital's influence, the Christianresistant climate of the area has eased, according to Applewhite, though not all the missionaries agree with his conclusion.

"The atmosphere has completely changed," he declared. Before there

can be a strong witness, he said, "we have to see the atmosphere change, and it's changing."

A Baptist church now meets in a mission-owned house at Bukittinggi, but members primarily are from other areas of the country, such as Java, not from the local tribe. A branch congregation meets about two hours away.

Determined to leave a lasting Christian witness, members have launched a program they call Lentera, meaning "lamp." Lentera aims to "keep a light burning after we leave," explained Applewhite. It is designed to keep the church going and to locate an evangelistic worker in the city. By early this year members had contributed one million rupiah (about \$1,000 U.S.) and "will continue to contribute after they move," reported Applewhite.

The hospital's new property faces a portion of the Trans-Sumatra Highway. The road did not exist when the location was decided. Though agreement to relocate the hospital was reached in December 1981, construction did not actually begin until late October 1983 because of repeated delays in official decisions. The delays had a good side though, pointed out Jones, because the highway was constructed in the meantime. If the road had not been there, Baptists would have had to build one to bring in equipment.

Across from the hospital is a military installation. A short distance away is a new government housing area where as many as 10,000 people already live, and expansion is expected.

Jones' wife, Bobby Jo, said rumors about the Christian hospital already are circulating, such as, "Go to the Christian hospital and you'll be given an injection of Christianity." But her husband noted, "Once the people find out that we're not here to force anyone to be a Christian, that we're here to help, it will be all right."

"Hospitals are not buildings and equipment,— they're people," emphasized Applewhite. He told of Bambang Sutismo, an Indonesian physician on the Immanuel staff who did his intern work there. He became a Christian at the hospital and later volunteered to return to the staff.

"This kind of person is the basis of the future medical mission work in Indonesia," said Applewhite. "There are others like this, nurses and others, persons we feel the Lord has specifically called out."

(Leland Webb edits The Commission Magazine of the Foreign Mission Board.)

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Mom-daughter team heads for ministry

By Orville Scott

DALLAS (BP) — A course in sign language at Dallas Baptist College four years ago helped open the door for Deborah Peters to become a Southern Baptist Mission Service Corps volunteer in Puerto Rico.

Peters, 32, and her nine-year-old daughter, Lara, were commissioned May 13 by Elmwood Baptist Church, Dallas.

June 1, Peters began work for the Puerto Rico Baptist Association for two years in a ministry called "Signs of Salvation." She will teach communication skills to deaf people; help churches develop ministries to the deaf; hold camps for deaf youth in the Caribbean area, and interpret classes for deaf students at the Baptist Theological Seminary in San Juan

In her response at the commissioning, Peters said she had read people were killed in food riots in the Dominican Republic where she will go for orientation, but "I'm safer in obedience to God there than I would be in Dallas in disobedience," she

Peters said as a teen-ager, she felt God's call to be a missionary. "However, when I was a young adult, I went through a time of rebellion and disobedience. As a result, I am a single parent with a nine-year-old daughter. The fact Lara and I are entering the mission field is one small 'sign' of how gracious and forgiving God is."

While ministering in her local church, she learned Spanish and sign language and taught beginner sign language at Cedar Valley Community College, Dallas. Two years ago, she quit a job and took a 45 percent cut in pay to serve with Christ for the Nations in Dallas.

Then she learned of the need for a missionary to the deaf in Puerto Rico and applied as a volunteer with Mission Service Corps.

(Orville Scott writes for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.)



Despite the rainy season, new facilities for the Baptist hospital on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia are expected to be completed by late summer. Under the steel skeleton of one of the main buildings, missionary Bobby Jones (right), on-site project manager, and missionary

physician Win Applewhite (holding umbreila), in charge of construction, discuss details with Ridwan Suhandi, chief engineer for the contractor, and a crew supervisor. (BP) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo

Editorials by don megregor

A reasonable prayer decision

come to an agreement on religious exercises in public schools in the Rankin County School District that school to participate in religious obcould serve as a guide for others to

A 1981 agreement between the school district and the American Civil Liberties Union was upheld recently by U.S. District Judge William Barbour Jr. of Jackson.

The agreement forbids school officials from broadcasting prayers over the intercom system or establishing prayer periods or religious devotionals during classes or school activities.

Students are allowed to participate voluntarily in Bible study groups and to pray together before and after school and during free periods. The agreement also allows for invocations at extracurricular activities that include sports events. Also permitted under the agreement are the which all can agree.

Perhaps all parties involved have observances of such religious holidays as Christmas and Hanukkah. And students may be excused from servances without being penalized.

> Evidently, about the only difference between the situation now and as it was in the past is that the school administration or the teachers cannot tell the students that they must pray or that they must be present when others are praying or tell them how to pray when they do. Also the public address system cannot be tary.

That is significant.

After years of being subjected to what must have been improper rulings by lower courts all over the nation that have misunderstood or misinterpreted or otherwise been mistaken about the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on prayer in the public school, there is finally a decision that would seem to be reasonable and with

This takes the prayer times and devotional periods out of the classrooms where there is a structured setting and a captive audience during times of normal curriculum activities when attendance is checked and makes such occasions completely voluntary.

There will be many who will question the invocation at extracurricular activities such as sports events, but participation and attendance at these sorts of gatherings at least are volun-

As mentioned, this arrangement represents an agreement between the ACLU, which was representing two unnamed students, and the Rankin County School District. It was a consent decree established by the court in 1981, and it came under question again as the ACLU was seeking to question the prayer law of the state. We can be thankful to Judge Barbour for upholding the 1981 agreement.

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Guest opinion . . .

"The Bible makes so much sense . .

By Gerald O'Dom

It was over. The chairman of deacons had led the closing prayer of our evening worship, and I had just led in my last act as pastor of that rural Mississippi church. Tomorrow the moving van would come and my family would be off to a new pastorate in another state. Now there were only the final farewells to be said here. A few who could not stay for the farewell reception came by to express appreciation and promises of prayers for us in the days ahead. Others moved toward the fellowship hall.

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As I walked from my station in front of the communion table to the pulpit to get my Bible, Donny, a young adult, followed me up the steps to the stage. He paused in that familiar way I had come to recognize as a preface to something he wanted to say which was important to him. He was carefully choosing his words before he spoke. Finally, they came.

"Your sermons have helped me a lot," he said. "But the greatest thing your ministry has done for me is to teach me to really appreciate the Bi-

He paused again. His pursed lips indicated that he wasn't satisfied with his wording. Up came his hands. Whenever he wasn't satisfied with his wording, he often resorted to certain familiar gestures.

He continued. I cannot quote him exactly now. But Donny went on to tell me how he had learned the extreme importance of studying the context and background of Bible passages, the importance of considering the writers and some basic principles of how they used their cultural lanmiss this!) the inspiration of the Bi-

I can quote his last lines: "The Bible makes so much sense this way. And I just want to thank you."

I didn't know what to say. The complimentary remarks that I could have given him for what he had meant to me were many. I didn't know where to start. But I suddenly knew exactly what I wanted to say. "Thank you, Donny. Now I want to ask a favor in return. The next time you hear some-

about the Bible taking place in our arching blessing would continue to something. Donny's compliment re-Southern Baptist colleges and enrich his Bible Study and, con- ally doesn't belong to me. My dear seminaries, I want you to remember what you just said.

Donny grinned. He knew exactly what I meant. "I surely will!" he said.

What Donny knew is that I am a recent graduate of a Southern Baptist college and a Southern Baptist seminary. My school days at these institutions have been right in the heated middle of the most recent controversy over the Bible. I have attended the conventions at every level, talked with everyone who would discuss the issue, and read volumes of articles on both sides of the issue. In the same period, I have sat in the Southern Baptist college and seminary classroom. I have listened ever so carefully to my professors and I found in them a deep reverence and devotion to God and to the correct use of his Word for the sake of helping others clearly understand and proclaim his message.

My first two pastorates were also in the same time frame as my college/seminary experience and the latest Bible controversy. I committed guage, the importance of looking for myself to avoid using the pulpit and the main point and not trying to make other teaching opportunities in those the Bible say things it just doesn't say, churches as a place to "take sides" on and a new appreciation for (don't the issue. I elected instead to teach and preach the Bible according to what I believed to be an extremely faithful pattern set by my professors. Then, I concluded, I would let the reaction of these congregations tell me how they felt about what is being taught in our college and seminaries.

Now, as I stood by that pulpit where much of my preaching and teaching had taken place, the verdict was again being delivered by a "juror." Donny was expressing to me how much his love and appreciation of the one criticizing the kind of teaching Bible had increased—how this over-

sequently, his life long after I was gone.

I am only 28 years old. I have only been a pastor nine years. Yet, I have sometimes thought Donny's comments back in October may be one of the compliments I will value most in my entire ministry.

But, more recently, I have realized

seminary and college professors, Donny's new appreciation for the Bible and his sincere words of gratitude really belong to you.

And I just want to thank you. Gerald O'Dom, until recently pastor of Pleasant Grove Church in Wayne Association, is now a pastor in Birmingham, Ala.

Decency group says efforts paying off

Wildmon, who heads the organization, says that several national chains and local outlets have pulled magazines such as Playboy, Pent-house, and Hustler. Wildmon said organizations such as Religious Round- than 100 cities to be picketed. table, local chapters of Citizens for Decency Through Law, and other Village ordered local groups have been responsible for many stores pulling the magazine.

"The tide is changing. People are beginning to speak out, get involved and boycott stores selling porn," Wildmon said. "Also, the magazines have become so filthy that even those owners with any morals at all don't want to be associated with the filth." He also said that the publishers are having a harder time getting companies to advertise in the magazines.

The United Methodist minister said that 7-Eleven, the largest re-

TUPELO, Miss. (EP)-The Na- tailer of anti-Christian porno tional Federation for Decency says magazines in America has refused to efforts aimed at getting stores to stop , pull them, saying that the magazines selling anti-Christian porno bring in too much money. Wildmon magazines are paying off. Donald E. says he met with 7-Eleven officials three times, asking them to remove the magazines, but was rebuffed each time. He said the NFD is planning to picket 7-Eleven stores on Aug. 6 and already has targeted stores in more

to permit creche

NEW YORK (EP) - A federal appeals court on June 25 ordered the village of Scarsdale to permit a creche in a public park at Christmas, overturning a ruling that banned the Nativity scene last year.

Using public property for the creche would not violate the separation of church and state, the court said in an opinion based on a recent Supreme Court ruling that allowed a Nativity scene in Pawtucket, R.I.

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Supreme Court denies IRS challenge ability

elementary and secondary schools received a major boost July 3 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled black parents who allege such schools illegally discriminate on the basis of race have no legal standing to challenge their tax exempt status.

Atstakeinthecase, Allenv. Wright, was the ability of parents of black school-age children to challenge the Internal Revenue Service practice of granting tax exemptions to such schools if they claim to be nondiscriminatory in their admissions

One of the schools cited in the complaint by the seven parents was the Briarcrest Baptist School System, of Memphis, Tenn. W. Wayne Allen,

WASHINGTON (BP)-Private Baptist Church, denied emphatically criminatory private schools, Allen that his school practices race discrimination.

> Allen, who entered the case on the side of the government, told Baptist Press that if the black parents' claim of standing had been upheld, "other tax-exempt organizations, including churches-would not be able to operate without having the tax code used against them."

> The U.S. Catholic Conference, Allen noted, filed a friend-of-the-court brief on his side because it is currently fighting an effort by pro-abortion groups to have IRS strip it of tax exemption because of its opposition to legalized abortion.

For the Supreme Court to rule the black parents had standing to bring pastor of the sponsoring Briarcrest such action against allegedly dis-

declared "could have been disastr-

In the high court's 5-3 ruling (Justice Thurgood Marshall abstained), Justice Sandra Day O'Connor held the parents failed to show "that their children have been the victims of discriminatory exclusion from the schools whose tax exemptions they challenge as unlawful." Such an injury must be demonstrated, she said, before the federal courts have jurisdiction because they are bound by the constitutional doctrine of "separation of powers," (the distinct roles the Constitution assigns to each of the three branches of the federal government).

Nor did the parents' claim that granting tax exemptions to the private schools denied their children the opportunity to a desegregated education in public schools give them legal standing, the court majority ruled.

Such a claim would be sufficient. O'Connor wrote, "only if there were enough racially discriminatory private schools receiving tax exemptions in (the parents') communities for withdrawal of those exemptions to make an appreciable difference in public-school integration."

Allen, whose church's kindergarten through grade 12 school system has an enrollment of 2,750, underto recruit black children, an effort he described as "affirmative action."

One administrator at the school, he explained, is assigned the task of recruiting minority students. Further, the school has brought in minority consultants from the National Association of Independent Schools to help in the outreach program, Allen said. He added the school has also engaged in extensive advertising to attract black pupils. Yet because some black ministers warn their people not to send their children to schools like Briarcrest, Allen wenton, "we are making slow progress."

Allen asked to enter the case in 1977 the Senate (S. 1876) has been reported trict court "to insure that the IRS did not roll over" and because he felt the He urged Baptists "to practice private school interests should be directly represented in the legal test. The district court granted his request.

> To the charge that his school is nothing more than a segregation academy, Allen said his church began planning and surveying with the view of establishing a school nearly two years before a federal court ordered the desegregation of Memphis

(Stan Hastey writes for the Washington bureau of Baptist Press.) nary's July session.

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Pro-gambling bill hits snag in House

derailed when a House subcommittee voted 4-2 not to mark up a bill which tising legislation. would remove federal restrictions on interstate advertising of casinos and lotteries

The Administrative Law Subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee elected not to report the bill (H.R. 5097), even though it had ignored a request to delay markup hearings until spokespersons against the legislation had an opportunity to speak. The request had been made by Larry Braidfoot, general counsel and director of Christian citizenship development for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

The legislation would allow casinos and lotteries to advertise even in states where such gambling activities are illegal.

Gambling industry lobbyists who attended the meeting expressed surprise at the vote. Voting no on the motion to report the bill were Reps. Sam Hall (D-Texas), Thomas Kindness (R-Ohio), Bill McCollum (R-Fla.) and Clay Shaw (R-Fla.). Voting for the bill were Reps. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and Howard Berman (D-

Prominent among the bill's supporters was James Ritchie, representative for the Golden Nugget, Inc. (an Atlantic City casino), the Nevada Resort Association and the Gaming Industry Association of Nevada, Inc. Ritchie was executive director of the 1976 Presidential Commission which reviewed national policy on gambl-

WASHINGTON (BP)-A mounting ing. He has been a primary spokesgambling initiative in Congress was man before Congressional committees considering the gambling adver-

> Ritchie's own words, however, were used against him in a letter from Braidfoot to members of the House subcommittee. Braidfoot quoted from an address Ritchie gave at the International Gaming Congress where he stated, "There is no question that gaming is regressive in terms of raising revenue. It is inefficient compared with a broadbased tax."

> 'The theory we developed at the S. Commission on Gambling," Ritchie continued, "is that, from the standpoint of economics, legal gaming not only feeds on itself and is its own economic stimulus, but it also stimulates illegal gaming."

Although pleased with the subcommittee vote, Braidfoot pointed out the bill also has been referred tothe Post Office Committee in the House and that its companion bill in as an "intervenor" before a U.S. disout of committee.

some positive citizenship" by applauding the stand of representatives who voted against the bill.

The Senate bill was introduced by Sen. Paul Laxalt (R-Nev.), general chairman of the Republican National Committee. "Although support for this legislation comes from both parties, Laxalt's power and influence makes opposition to this legislation both difficult and important," said

MC professor, Reed, joins NOBTS faculty

NEW ORLEANS—James Everette Reed has joined the faculty of New Orleans Seminary as assistant pro-

fessor of history and philosophy of religious educa-

Reed, 39, comes to the seminary from Mississippi College, where he was assistant professor of religious education.

Reed has 18 years of experience in vocational church work, primarily in education, in Mississippi, Alabama,

The new professor arrived in New Orleans in June and was to begin teaching in New Orleans in the semi-

Reed earned both his doctorate and master's degree from New Orleans Seminary, his bachelor of arts degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., and his associate of arts degree from Clarke College in

The Mathiston, Miss., native moved to New Orleans from Clinton, Miss., where he and his family were members of Northside Baptist Church. Reed and his wife, Jane, have two children, David and

Reed was ordained in 1968 at Calvary Baptist Church in Columbus, Miss. Besides his 18 years in vocational church service, Reed formerly was director of home study for the Southern Baptist External Education Division in Nashville, Tenn., and had been at Mississippi College since



Louisiana and Tennessee.

Faces And Places

by anne washburn me williams

Faces in Cleveland

The oldest face I saw in Cleveland, had not been able to do that. Ohio, June 20-24, did not look all that old, though its owner, Dorothy Fuldheim, was introduced as "the oldest TV news commentator in the world." Roses, herbs, and water lily gardens surrounded the Garden Center; but inside, where we were eating our box lunches, the speaker, Dorothy Fuldheim, provided the color. Her lacetrimmed, peach-hued dress blended with her red hair. Her blue eyes in a tanned face reflected humor, en-thusiasm, mischief, wisdom. I felt as if she could look right through the heads in front of her and know what they were thinking. (I wrote in my notebook, "strong voice, jutting jaw, rings on her fingers").

Dorothy Fuldheim started a new career at age 54, In television. She was the first woman in the nation to have a news show of her own, and has been on the air for 35 years. Last year, when she was 90. Cleveland's ABC-TV-5 renewed her contract for three years. Shesaid, "I can't understand what the fuss was all about! It was my due!"

Joe Cart, Louisiana, NFPW president, gave this year's President's Award to Allen H. Neuharth, guest speaker at the National Federation of Press Women convention's opening session. Neuharth is president of Gannett Co., Inc. and chairman and founder of USA Today. Gannett, of course, is the nation's largest newspaper company, with 85 dailies, including Jackson's Clarion-Ledger and Daily News and the Hattiesburg

Mississippi faces I saw in Cleveland during the convention included those of Jane Tannehill of Union; Mary Lou Webb of Meadville, and Betty Dickson of Magee. Jane received several national awards in the NFPW communications contest. She was first runner-up in the contest sweepstakes. She won three national first place awards and one third place. Betty was recognized as Mississippi Press Women's Woman of Achievement for 1984. Mary Lou is second vice-president, NFPW.

One Mississippian was a national winner in the NFPW high school journalism contests. Philip Jarrell of Itawamba Agricultural High School, Fulton, won third place in feature photographs. To launch the awards banquet, the waiters and waitresses marched around the banquet hall, each carrying a dish of Baked Alaska, a glowing sparkler sputtering in its

A famous face I saw was that of Bess Myerson-writer, television personality, consumer affairs activist. She spoke at the Woman of Achievement banquet. By the time she came to the podium I was nearly frozen from airconditioning. Some women around me were draping dinner napkins about their shoulders in the hope of breaking the chill. But the warmth of Bess's personality enveloped the room. For a while she made me forget the ice. Even the strolling musicians during dinner with violin and guitar

Marj Carpenter of Georgia, pleasant face under white hair, national news director of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., was selected as national Woman of Achievement 1984. In her job, Marj travels all over the world. Last year, she said, she was in a four-wheel drive jeep with a missionary, three preachers, and the driver, going into the jungles of Zaire over washed-out roads that were almost impassable. Grass burned six feet high on either side of the vehicle, and there was no turning back. The driver was praying and driving, she said, as fast as he could without tipping over the jeep on the rough roads. Marj rode with a can of gasoline at her feet as she beat our sparks as they hit the dashboard. "All in a day's work."

Two workshops I attended were on photography and lay-out-faces through the camera, and the face of the newspaper as presented in its de-

Photography for the writer was led by Frances Murphey, Ohio, 40-year veteran of the editorial staff of the Akron Beacon Journal. Page Design and Layout was discussed by David W. Richter (on the faculty of the Ohio State University's School of Journalism). Richter said, "I believe that in newspapers, as in good design elsewhere, form follows function. And the function of the newspaper is to give readers news and information. Well-designed newspapers make it easier for the reader to find and use that information."

Anneta Duveen was unforgettable, not only her friendly face but her whole personality. Age 60, she said. A blond. From the night of June 20, when she ate lobster with several of us at Captain Frank's, I was captivated by her dynamic vitality, her evident brilliance. She grew up in NYC and lives on some acreage in Port Chester, NY, but is a member of Connecticut Press Women. In fact, she was Connecticut Woman of Achievement 1983 and was described in Press Woman magazine as "an author, sculptor, painter, lecturer, social worker. She credits her accomplishments to lessons she learned while fighting polio at age 25.

... She has carved many major works of national and religious leaders, and they are displayed throughout the country. Anneta is also coauthor of a college textbook on astronomy and of a scientific section in a children's encyclopedia . . . Her illustrations published in encyclopedias and dictionaries. . . .

As I checked out of Stouffer's Inn on the Square early on June 24, I saw Anneta. "Once when I was in Rome I had a flat tire on the way to the airport," she told me. "I always go early faith. I do not share all of her beliefs now." She and her husband are connected with a travel agency, so they travel often and worldwide. She invited me to share her taxi. I was glad I did, for that extra time to get to know her better left a sort of sheen on my God's love, in the assured way that day. I had already heard her say that she does.

Russell Dilday addresses current Baptist controversy

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)—The judge) to prove that the Southern theology than ever before in history, real issue in the strife within the Southern Baptist Convention does not involve "conservative versus liberal theology," according to Russell H. Dilday Jr., president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

In the July issue of Southwestern News, Dilday wrote one evidence of this fact is that "leading conservatives with unquestioned orthodoxy are voicing their opposition to the fundamentalist political machine." Southwestern News is circulated to more than 35,000 alumni, former students and friends of the seminary.

It'is not rumor but fact, Dilday wrote, that fundamentalists have put together "a powerful machine, computerized, national in scope, and aimed at control of the democratic processes of this convention.

"The leaders of the machine have publicly acknowledged its existence and have boasted about its success. They have stated their goals as 'going for the jugular vein,' that is, controlling the boards of our agencies and institutions.

"They have publicly accused board members of being 'dumb bunnies and rubber stamps,' and have publicly claimed that they already control the Baptist Sunday School Board and other areas of convention life. One spokesman indicated that when a few more fundamentalists were elected to the seminary boards, 'perhaps in five more years, more than 50 percent of the professors will be under pressure from trustees to resign."

Dilday reiterated there are "strong conservatives on both sides of this debate," and thus, "it is not a matter of conservatives on one side and liberals on the other.

"The issue divides itself more accurately along the lines of 'the spirit of Southern Baptist cooperation' on one side and 'the spirit of independent fundamentalism' on the other."

Dilday pointed out "the main differences in the debate are related to interpretation of the Bible but not biblical authority. The issue is not, 'Do you believe the Bible?' but, 'How do you interpret some of its passages?""

Concerns once voiced about liberalism within the convention are, today, "a mask for other interests," Dilday wrote.

He explained "the evidence raised by the Patterson/Pressler machine (the fundamentalist faction led by Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Paul Pressler, a Houston

she is a Roman Catholic, and she pressed into my hand a pewter cross, painting talents can be seen in science the Tau Cross of St. Francis of Assisi. inscribed with the blessing from Numbers 6:24, and on the back, her signature and copyright date. "A gift for you," she said.

I admired the forthright way in which she talked about her religious and I think she does not share all of mine. But I sensed in her a warm compassion for people around her. I would like to be able to reach out to others, to communicate my love, and

liberalism' is too thin to support that

specific examples of liberalism and offered," Dilday recounted. "Most of these are marginal at best, out of date and have already been dealt with by administrators and boards.

'If there had been a drift toward liberalism (and I don't believe there was), the concerns of Southern Baptists, heightened by the controversy, have soundly reversed it."

Today's Southern Baptists, Dilday wrote, "are a conservative, Biblebelieving people; and our institutions and agencies, while not perfect and while always needing vigilant supervision, are more resolutely in the mainstream of Southern Baptist 1845."

Baptist Convention is 'drifting toward and God is blessing them with unprecedented strength.'

aim.

But, Dilday noted, "it is now clear "For seven years we have asked for that mainstream Southern Baptists must act to reclaim the convention the same half-dozen illustrations are from the manipulation of political machines and return it to the people. We must restore an open convention and forbid secular politicization from dominating and becoming the pattern of the future."

> Baptists must decide, Dilday wrote, "will we continue to be a convention cooperating to do missions and education, or will we revert to the 'society method' with its designated support of favorite benevolences? Remember, it was over the issue of the 'convention method' versus the 'society method' of doing our work that Southern Baptists separated to become a cooperating convention in

McCool Baptist Church **Homecoming July 29**

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ATLANTA (BP)-Southern Baptist Convention President Charles Stanley and Chicago pastor Susan Lockwood Wright offered opposing viewpoints on ordination of women in opinion articles published by the Sunday Atlanta Journal and Constitution "Perspective" (opinion) section (July 8, 1984).

Stanley, who said in the article he accepted Christ at the age of 12 during a service (in Danville, Va.) when a woman was preaching, argued that the Bible teaches women should not be ordained or hold positions of authority in the church.

"A careful study of the Scriptures," wrote Stanley, "shows that the Bible, while forbidding a woman to hold a position of authority in the church, does not forbid her to teach and serve in numerous ways under certain guidelines of authority. In fact, the Bible does not forbid women from preaching. The issue is authority, not service. Role, not work. There are, no doubt, women who can preach, teach and fulfill many areas of service in the church more effectively than many men. Spirituality, gifts, talents or commitment are not the issue. The issue is authority and role."

Wright, pastor of Cornell Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago which was the center of controversy in the Chicago Metropolitan Baptist Association earlier this year, countered that the real issue is whether God calls women to be ministers. "Ordination is merely the confirmation by a local congregation that a person has evidenced gifts for ministry, and Southern Baptists have never believed that ordination makes anyone, male or female, a 'real' minister-only God can. A church can

confirm; but only God can call.

"What this means, then, is that we must confront a much deeper issue, one that gets at the very nature of who God is," Wright continued. "For when we mortals begin to say who can and cannot be a minister, we are saying what God can and cannot do. We are, in essence, making ourselves equal with God and usurping God's power to choose whomever God chooses (Exodus 33:19). The technical term for this is idolatry—making God in our

Both Stanley and Wright used Bible passages to support their viewpoints, sometimes giving different interpretations to the same scriptures. They also did not agree on the key questions and issues in the controversial

topic.
"The question before us is not the ability of women, nor "wrote Stanley, pastor of whether God uses them or not," wrote Stanley, pastor of Atlanta's First Baptist Church. "The question is-should women be ordained as pastors or deacons of a local Baptist church? A crucial question that follows is this-is there an authoritative answer to this question? If not, then one opinion is as good as another. But if there is, what is the authority and what does it say? For Baptists, the Bible has always been our final authority for both faith and practice.'

Stanley declared unequivocably "there is no evidence in Scripture that women served in a governing role. They did not serve as pastors or elders, or as deacons as we view the deacon role in a Baptist church."

Wright, whose church remained in the Chicago association by a vote of 210-113 in February during a special session called in response to objections to a woman serving as pastor, disagreed with those who, like Stanley, argue "God can call women to be ministers with a little 'm' but not to official offices of pastor and deacon."

"They base their views," she said, "on passages of Scripture which seem to prohibit women from leadership positions such as teachers, preachers and pastors (I Corinthians 14:34-36; I Timothy 2:12). But these passages," she argued, "do not in fact present a clear bibli-cal teaching against women as church leaders; rather they deal with specific problems of false teaching and order in worship. To elevate these passages to universal principles prohibiting women from church leadership roles is to do violence to overall New Testament teaching," she contended. Wright cited five women by name plus several others who are mentioned in the Bible as having served as leaders in the early church in various roles. She listed Junia, an apostle mentioned in Romans 16:7; the women of the Corinthian church (I Corinthians 11:5), Phillip's four daughters (Acts 21:9), the aged widow Anna (Luke 2:38), the Old Testament prophetess

Deborah (Judges 4), Priscilla (Acts 18:24-28), and Phoebe, described by Paul as a deacon ("diakonos-the same word he used to describe Timothy" and others).

"When Paul used 'diakonos' for Christian workers, we don't know whether he was referring to a formal office or those who, like stewards, had been entrusted by God with the responsibility in the ministry; whether formally installed or not, they were church leaders and ministers," she wrote. So whether Phoebe held the formal office of deacon or was a minister at Cenchraea in a more general sense, she was certainly a church leader whom Paul commended as his co-worker."

Stanley countered in his article that the Bible does not say Phoebe was a deacon, but rather that she was "a servant of the church." Commenting also on Priscilla, Stanley wrote "there is no evidence that either of these or any of the other women mentioned in their chapter held positions of authority in any of the churches.

Quoting heavily from Stephen B. Clark's 700-page volume entitled "Man and Woman in Christ," Stanley observed that through 1,700 years of church history, there is no doubt as to the absence of women in positions of authority in the church. He insisted there were clear differences in role, and that whenever women exercised authority, they did so subordinate to a man.

"The Bible clearly teaches that in the home the woman is to be in subjection to her husband," Stanley added, citing Ephesians 5:24 as authority for his opinion. "Subordination does not mean inferiority," he observed. Noting an admonition in Ephesians 6:1 for children to be subordinate to their parents, Stanley said "this does not mean they are inferior. Their subordinate position is for their protection."

Stanley said God also has issued a strong command to husbands to "Love your wife as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it." Pointing out many women view denial of ordination as implying inferiority and striking at their sense of self-worth and equality, Stanley insisted "no woman so loved and cherished is going to feel inferior. The men of this generation will have to bear a great portion of the blame for the fact that many women do feel that we have not loved, honored, cared for, encouraged and esteemed them as highly as God commanded . . . Our failure to encourage women to become all God wants them to be has resulted in many of them feeling stifled, frustrated and unfulfilled."

Wright disagreed with those who argue "women cannot be church leaders because passages like Ephesians 5:21-23 teach women to be in submission. This passage, she claimed, "when read in its entirety teaches mutual submission. It applies to all Christians, regardless of

She also countered arguments that women should not hold certain offices because they were created after man and led to the fall in the Genesis account of temptation in the Garden of Eden. Such views, she said, "ignore the saving work of Christ on the cross who 'has broken down the barrier' so that 'there is neither Jew nor Greek, . . slave nor free, . . . male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' (Galatians 3:28)." Wright gave a different interpretation of the biblical meaning of the authority of the pastor or deacon. "The call to Christian ministry is not to power or status or authority; rather it is a call to servanthood, characterized by self-denial, submission and service," she wrote. She quoted Jesus as admonishing his followers not to seek power and authority, "but whoever shall be great among you must be the slave of all." (Mark 10:42-44).

"Ordination is not necessary for a woman to be effective and fulfilled in her service to the Lord," Stanley insisted. "To insist on ordination is to change God's design for carrying his ministry through his church."

Wright countered that ordination is not truly at the heart of the controversy regarding women as ministers, except for its symbolic significance. "Ordination of women usually sparks the controversy because it confirms that God not only can call women to be ministers, but that God does call women to be ministers."

Pointing out she knows God still calls women "because I have been called by God," Wright concluded, "God still calls whomever God chooses, and will continue to do so." (Jim Newton writes for the Atlanta bureau of Baptist

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Atlanta group nixes women's resolution

ATLANTA (BP)—Insisting that ordination is purely a local church matter, the executive committee of the Atlanta Baptist Association adopted a motion opposing "the resolution against women adopted in haste at the Southern Baptist Convention" in Kansas City.

The brief Atlanta motion affirmed the quality of women in the church, that "we are all one in Christ," that "women have equal responsibility in servanthood and discipleship," and that ordination is a local church mat-

Action on the motion came during the monthly meeting of the 225member executive committee the day after the Atlanta Constitution-Journal had published an opinion article written by Southern Baptist Convention President Charles Stanley opposing ordination of women, and espousing views consistent with the SBC-adopted resolution.

Charles Stanley, SBC president and pastor of the largest church in the association—the 8,500-member First Baptist Church of Atlanta-was leading a Bible conference in New Hampshire and did not attend the associational executive committee meeting.

Russell Barker, executive director of missions for the association, in response to a question, said in the two years he has been with the association Stanley has not attended a meeting of the executive committee. He added he has only seen Stanley two times during those two years, one of which was at a fast-food restaurant.

Although an official vote count was not taken, association leaders said there were about 15 votes against the motion out of the 125 persons (including non-voting guests) attending the meeting at Georgia Baptist Medical

(Jim Newton writes for the Atlanta bureau of Baptist Press.)

Don Mines is Partners coordinator for furlough

Don Mines, missionary to Argen- Church, Clinton. tina, has joined the staff of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board dur-

ing his furlough year as coordinator in Mississippi for the partnership arrangement between Mississippi Baptists and the Baptists of the Rio de la Plata.

Mines The Rio de la Plata is the area that encompasses Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. on July 16.

Mines and his wife, Margie, are stationed in Buenos Aires. During in the missionary apartment of First Uruguay in April.

Mines, a general evangelist, is a native of DeLand, Fla. He was coordinator in Argentina for the partnership arrangement before leaving on furlough. Mrs. Mines is a native of Fort Worth, Texas.

The official partnership arrangement with the three South American countries, began in 1981, and will continue through 1985, Mines said. Among the projects planned for 1985 is an evangelism crusade involving 180 people. It is being planned for April, May, and June of next year with projections calling for four groups of 15 Mines began his work as coordinator teams each with each team made up of three people. They will be an evangelist, a singer, and a layman. One group each month will go to their furlough the couple will be living Argentina, and a group will go to





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President of Argentina addresses Baptist youth

By Jim Lowry

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (BP)-President Paul Alfonsin made an historic appearance to challenge 4,000 Baptists from 68 countries gathered July 11 on the opening night of the tenth Baptist Youth World Con-

Alfonsin, elected president after eight years of dictatorial rule, is the first president of Argentina ever to speak to a Baptist group.

"Argentina has come out of a dark age of violence and these wounds have not been completely healed," he said. "Because of this, we need an intensive campaign for reconciliation.

'Let me as president of Argentina challenge you to work together with other denominations and Christian churches who praise God," he continued. "Let us work with all men of good will to seek reconciliation.

"Blessed are those who promote the gospel of peace," the president said. "Let this blessing be a reality that will bear fruit in abundance. The world is sick, and we want to provide a remedy for this infirmity. We need men and women of faith to help us accomplish this, faith in a spirit of peace and reconciliation," said Alfonsin.

He said the Argentine government is based on the recognition of the rights of all persons. He urged that every country of the world, especially the most powerful ones, work to assure human rights in their own countries and in underdeveloped nations so all persons may reach a better level of life and live in peace.

"Here in this meeting, I encourage Baptist youth to reaffirm your commitment to peace," he said. "I believe your prayers can help decrease spending for military strength and increase the production of food for the world."

Alfonsin, 'a Catholic, urged the youth not to rest in their support of religious liberty, because, he said, religious liberty is the fundamental liberty for all over liberties.

"Claim that liberty for your nation and always act as agents of reconciliation and peace for all men," he continued. "We want these principles of religious liberty for Argentina.

Alfonsin told the youth they come together united by their faith. Then to thunderous applause from the more than 4,000 youth delegates, he said, "Jesus Christ is the Savior and the only mediator between God and

In attendance at the conference are 39 delegates from Great Britain who are staying in the homes of Argentine Baptists to symbolize their unity as Christians. The two nations fought a 1982 war over the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands.

(Lowry, who writes for the Sunday School Board, is covering the Youth Conference in Argentina.)

Greer home burns

The home of Matthew Greer, pastor of Corinth Church, Tallahatchie Association, was struck by lightning Friday afternoon and burned to the ground.

Quick action on the part of passersby, friends, and volunteers from the Rosebloom, Charleston and Paynes volunteer fire departments, allowed most of the Greers' possessions to be saved.

The house had been damaged by the Easter eve tornado that struck Water Valley earlier this year, damaging the roof, windows, and shutters.



Visitors view the Chinese exhibit at First Church, Greenville.



From left are some of the guests of the Chinese mission's 50th anniversary celebration: Earl Kelly, Gene Henderson, Ted Shepherd, Richard Alford, Peter Chen, and Roy Raddin.

Chinese Mission notes 50th year in Greenville

Language missions work in Missis- contact with local Chinese. sippi passed a milestone June 24 when the Chinese Mission of First Baptist Church, Greenville, celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Preaching for the two services, the first at the church, the second at the mission, were Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, at the morning service; and Peter Chen of the Home Mission Board, preaching in Chinese at the afternoon service. Ted Shepherd is pastor of the Chinese Mission. Gene Henderson is pastor of First Church; Ed Pang is superintendent of the mission. Richard Alford, language missions consultant with the MBCB, was also a guest.

During services the ladies ensemble of the mission sang in Chinese and Pearl and Lynn Hung sang for the mission service.

Ed Pang made a presentation of a gift to Mrs. Galla Paxton Sr., who is the last living member of the original WMU group which made the initial

A reception was held following each service with Chinese cultural and art objects on display, including historical memorabilia of the mission. And before a luncheon for guests, everyone attending the services was given imprinted, souvenir

Henry Adams DOM, dies

Henry Adams, 56, director of missions, Leake County Association, died July 11 of leukemia. Funeral services were held July 13 at First Church, Carthage, at 4 p.m. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Adams was born in Leake County on Feb. 17, 1928. He was graduated from Mississippi College and attended New Orleans Seminary. He had held the missions post since Jan. 1, 1982. Before that time, he had been serving as pastor.

He was ordained to the ministry in 1963 by Pleasant Hill Church, Leake County, where he had been baptized in

Among the survivors are Adams' wife, Magdaline; a daughter, Angie Faye, and a son, George.

COM goes to Waco, plans nat'l rally

Mississippians took eight rigs to the National Campers on Mission Rally in Waco, Tex., recently.

During the rally, the Mississippi group began making preliminary plans to host the 1985 National Campers on Mission Rally set for June 21-23 at the Attala County Fairgrounds in Kosciusko. At this rally there will be plenty of space for tent campers as well as trailers and motor homes, say organizers.

The next Mississippi COM rally will be Sept. 28-30 at Askew's Landing Campground at Edwards.

Campers on Mission is an organization of Christian campers who want to share their faith as they camp. For details on joining or attending a rally, contact Richard Alford, consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

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Dear E.S.: Your experience has confirmed the advice often given, "Do not marry a person thinking you can reform him/her." We are glad that you have found God's grace and comfort through this trying time.

Now you are in the readjustment period and need support and companionship. We suggest that you contact some Baptist churches in your area to.

I read the Baptist Record with in- see what kind of programs they have

Join a Sunday School class or a fellowship group. Put yourself out to be Christian when I married him almost friendly with people from the church three years ago. I thought I could get crowd. There may be some "bad aphim to change his life, but I was un- ples" in the bunch, but you will have a successful. He started drinking and better chance there than at singles' clubs or bars.

Best wishes, and we are glad you read the Baptist Record.

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Letters to the Editor

"Worthy of double honor"

The Kingdom of God would be well served if similar research time expended on James Robinson and Milton Green was also spent on identifying problems or proposing solutions in our own state.

A Survey Report on Church Staff, Salaries, June 1982 disclosed that:

Many pastors were paid salaries barely above the poverty line when adjustments were made for expenses.

Many churches did not participate in the SBC retirement and insurance program thus not providing for their pastor's retirement or protection.

Many churches required pastors to live in church-owned housing thereby, depriving the pastor from owning a house. A pastor will lose about \$75,000 over a period of a lifetime and is faced with purchasing a home upon retirement when his income is reduced.

Although not included in the survey, it is well known that many pastors are abruptly dismissed or forced to resign. They may spend several months without income before being called to another church.

Now compare the above facts to the scripture mandate and teachings.

"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double-honor (pay), especially they who labour in the word and doctrine" (I Timothy

"Saying, touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm" (Psalm 105:15).

David refused to kill Saul although Saul was intending to slay David.

 David spared Saul because he was God's anointed (I Samuel 24:6). · David had Saul's killer slain be-

cause he stretched forth his hand against God's anointed (II Samuel

· David sent blessings to the men who gave Saul a decent burial (II Samuel 2:5).

Please turn the glaring white hot spotlight upon our problems and solutions so that our churches will take corrective action.

Kimble Hembree Hattiesburg

Women's ordination vote Editor:

The recent vote at the Southern Baptist Convention against the ordaining of women is of great concern to me. I feel compelled to share those concerns with my fellow Baptists.

My personal conviction is that this vote is a reflection of the distrust and lack of love we human beings have for each other. It brings to mind the attitude of the Pharisees in the Bible and the many scathing teachings they received from Jesus. Apparently they were the respected leaders of the church who had developed such a narrow, rigid interpretation of the scriptures that the majority were unable to accept or even hear Jesus' teachings about love and how it should transform our lives.

It seems we people of the church are still making this mistake — both to each other and to those "outside" this body of Christ. We seem to be guilty, still, of narrow understandings that place rigid interpretations is how that vote and some of the package. stands on other issues affect me.

trend in the SBC to attempt to influence and even establish policy for individual churches. Our Baptist roots will wither and die if such attempts continue. Whatever personal convictions we may have, we as Baptists control policy by anyone other than the individual and his/her local body. It seems that many Baptists must be ignorant of our heritage when those early Baptists gave even their lives to establish a non-creedal denomination dedicated to the concept of the priesthood of the believer. It is one of the major reasons I remain a Baptist.

I feel the Convention should do only what it was formed to do - decide how to spend pooled funds. That, however, brings me to my last con-

With God's help, I do love those Baptists with which I completely disagree - but if so many can vote for such an unloving, unChristlike statement on women, how can I have faith they will wisely and lovingly use God's money in ways He would find acceptable?

Marijane Whitfield Member, Northside Church Clinton

A woman deacon

Editor:

While recent actions regarding women deacons at the latest Southern Baptist Convention have made me in turn angry, sad, and depressed, I. realize they do not have any authority over me.

There are many people, however, including my friends of other denominations and people of the Baptist faith who have not thought through the issue carefully, who will use the resolution as an indication of what all Baptists believe.

I would like to go on public record stating that some Baptists do believe women can and should be ordained as deacons or pastors. I am one of those. I have been ordained and have been serving as a deacon for almost three

All Christians (men and women) should join the task of interpretation and take it seriously as a question of their own maturity of faith so that the difficult task of liberating people to the freedom of God can continue.

Cynthia Tucker Northside Baptist Church

Retirement package Editor:

I don't know your policy for posting letters of this kind, but I hope that you will print this one so that ALL concerned may voice their opinion on this critical issue.

tion dealing with Mr. Grady Cothen's retirement package, as retired president of the Sunday School Board.

I, for one, find this retirement package, which will average \$5,000plus a month, for only 10 years service, totally out of line with other retirements. This is not intended as a personal attack toward Mr. Cothen, for his services have been greatly appreciated. My concern is with the

over love, acceptance, and joy. This board or agency that authorized this Christ as easily as we go across the

I put in 34 years service with the Further, I am concerned over the military and was subject to putting my life on the line daily and my retirement in no way compares to the package Mr. Cothen draws.

All concerned people should demand a posting of the salaries that these people draw; and if they are out should be appalled at any attempt to of line, then some adjustments should be made.

I shudder to think what the total dollar value of Mr. Cothen's retirement will cost the tithers now and in the future. This type of give-a-way of tithers' monies needs to stop, now!!

A concerned Baptist deacon. J. C. Thompson 2048 Oak Grove Road

Hattiesburg, MS 39401 Your concern is appreciated, but there are circumstances that need to be explained. First, Grady Cothen retired at 63, which means he probably had served something like 40 years in the ministry. The 10 years at the Sunday School Board were just a part of it. Second, in the reporting period just passed, the Sunday School Board did a business of \$133,220,000. That's pretty big business, and most corporate executives in that sort of operation are pretty well paid. The Sunday School Board has a net worth of \$97 million. Third, the Sunday School Board makes annual contributions to the state conventions and to the Southern Baptist Convention. For the past year, a total of \$1,754,164 went to all of the states, and Mississippi got \$71,750. The Southern Baptist Convention received an additional \$574,000. Fourth, none of this money and none of the provisions for Cothen's retirement came from Cooperative Program funds but from Sunday School Board retirement investments. The figures mentioned are to be found in the BOOK OF RE-**PORTS for the 1984 Southern Baptist** Convention. I am not aware of Southern Baptist Convention salaries, but Mississippi Baptist Convention Board salaries are published on Page 430 of the 1983 MISSISSIPPI BAP-TIST CONVENTION ANNUAL.— Editor

Bi-racial cooperation

The best news I have read lately in the Baptist Record is the June 28th article about the starting of a black church in Biloxi. I have been wondering why a denomination which proclaims that the gospel is for all people can ignore 35 percent of our own state's population. How can we say ally believe that Jesus died for the whole world, including black people, when we are evidently unconcerned about evangelizing them?

It was interesting to note that the black church found us; we did not find them. According to the article, I just recently received informa- Pastor Francis took the initiative in requesting association with other Southern Baptist churches. I praise God that someone took the initiative; but according to the command of Christ in Matthew 28: 19-20, we are to go into all the world. My family and I will be going to the Philippines shortly as foreign missionaries. I pray that someday Christian people in Mississippi will be able to go across town to win black people to

ocean to win them.

Roy L. McKay Starkville

Perhaps not enough is being done, but this is not the first expression of cooperation between the races among black and white Baptists in Mississippi. In 1979, simultaneous revivals were held in churches of both races. There was an earlier mission begun by another white church on the coast. There are black members of some white churches in the state. And white Mississippi Baptists support a seminary (Mississippi Baptist Seminary) for black preachers that has a bi-racial board. of trustees. Perhaps it is an endeavor that was slow starting but is beginning to pick up steam.—Editor

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Pastors, would you hear some advice from one who has experienced this issue from both sides — three times while serving as a pastor and now as a company representative.

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GRACE HARMONY HEBRON HIGHLAND HILLCREST HOUSTON ROAD INDIAN SPRINGS JONES ASSN	1-127-08 899-00 5-479-98 3-924-20 5-351-78 3-847-41 1-492-84 6-744-42 11-65 1-400-89 4-272-31	13-986-88 NEW PROSPECT 2-026-08 NEW PROVIDENCE 9-404-18 NEW ZION 10-229-19 PEARL MILL 18-237-26 PLEASANT MILL 11-05 REMUS 9-673-20 REMFROE 23-743-55 ROCKY POINT 	354.44	0 590.00 CLEAR CREEK 0 2.478.63 EAST COLUMBIA 7 951.94 EDNA 0 900.00 FBC COLUMBIA 352.63 FOXWORTH 3 4669.05 GDSS	2.436.00 4.146.00 1.173.00 779.50 4.545.00 2.834.00 2.063.35 2.328.50 1.596.21 1.658.23 62.589.83 30.964.79 6.120.61 1.671.00 7.806.53 5.094.95 568.93 843.00	6.582.00 EMMANUEL 1.952.50 FEC NEWTON 7.379.00 FBC UNION 4.391.85 GOOD HOPE 3.254.44 HICKORY 93.554.62 HOPEWELL 9.791.81 LAWRENCE 12.901.46 LIBERTY 1.411.93 MIDWAY	35.721.43 23. 21.746.15 15. 274.14 10.843.28 5. 4.464.79 2. 497.43 761.65 1.	506.15 1.930.46 579.44 59.300.87 576.26 37.322.41 280.30 554.44 835.02 16.678.30 242.00 6.706.79 545.72 1.043.15 272.00 2.033.65 384.07 822.07
LOWERY CREEK MAGNOLIA 7 MQSELLE MEM 3 MYRICK 4	3.401.31 2.618.90 3.799.00 480.09 2.028.54 1.029.83 3.476.72 684.27 758.58 1.178.63	3-990-03 SPRINGFIELD 1-285-90 STANDING PINE 12-248-08 SUNRISE 6-020-21 THOMASTOWN 5-279-09 IRINITY 3-058-37 TUSCOLA 4-160-99 UNION RIDGE 1-937-21 WALNUT GROVE	.00 176.0 285.98 166.0 1.030.67 1.340.5 6.922.58 4.668.5 500.00 1.215.0 1.728.84 7.325.1	0 176-00 HURRICAN CREEK 6 452-64 IMPROVE 0 3-864-50 KOKOMO 9 2-371-46 MARION ASSN 6 11-591-14 N COLUMBIA 5 1-715-05 NEW HOPE 0 20-00 PINE BURR 0 9-054-00 SANDY HOOK	1.235.00	6-139-01 MT NEBG 8-751-79 MT PLEASANT 366-50 MT VERNON 00 New IRELAND 12-412-84 NEWTON ASSN 21-154-75 PLMCKNEY 1-659-92 POPLAR 4-959-40 POPLAR SPRINGS	1.012.98 1. 102.83 2.703.49 1. 909.00 .00 1.234.00 711.80 1.	521.98 2.534.96 134.97 237.80 221.50 3.924.99 289.50 1.198.50 .00 475.75 1.709.75 .00 .00 .00
PINE GROVE PLAINWAY PLAINWAY OPLEASANT HOME SALE MEIGHTS SAND HILL SANDERSVILLE SEC AVENUE SHELTON	3.028.79 2.644.41 9.407.86 1.832.50 1.998.10 1.777.63 0.802.16 4.243.38 0.652.28 13.292.06	9.200-63 16-438-01 5-673-20 LEBANON 11-240-36 BEACON 3-775-73 BOUIE STREET 15-045-54 CALVARY 27-944-34 CARNES MISSION 1-426-17 CARTERVILLE	505.39 699.7 43.984.01 50.51831 600.00 1.220.0 .00 .00 .0 325.00 375.0 .00 .00 .0 20.312.49 11.624.4	2 94,502.13 SPRING COTTAGE WHITE BLUFF 0 1.820.00 MARSHALL 0 700.00 BETHANY 0 508 BIBLE BAPTIST	1.299.25 1.865.99 1.336.00 2.139.00 10.00 50.00 149.591.93 93.170.08 527.69 321.07 218.77 368.70 759.00 858.00	3.165.24 ROCK BRANCH 3.475.00 SULPHUR SPRINGS 60.00 242.762.01 NORTHWEST ARKABUTLA 587.47 BETT 1.600.00 CARRIAGE HILLS	2,598.59 5. 109.622.26 77. 4.106.91 3. 457.82 981.38 20.258.63 17.	198.60 495.60 653.34 8.251.93 966.37 187.588.63 517.54 7.624.45 914.00 1.371.82 475.09 1.456.47 428.99 37.687.62
SUMMERLAND TALLAHOMA TRINITY TUCKERS CROSSING UNITY W ELLISVILLE WILDWOOD TO	7.862.85 2.850.53	6.90.04 CRESTYLEW 75.00 DIXIE 8.934.67 EASTABUCHIE 7.433.06 FAITH 1.450.00 FBC BRODKLYM 19.030.72 FBC GLENDALE 23.612.11 FBC HATTIESBURG 10.713.38 FBC MCLAURIN	5.100.00 3.591.3 8.900.40 5.901.9 460.97 717.8 169.68 2.453.5 2.163.81 1.927.2 14.792.49 5.779.0 40.948.23 37.223.0 2.081.17 2.910.5	7 8.691.37 CAREY CHAPEL 5 14.802.35 CLEAR CREEK 1 1.178.78 COLDWATER 9 20.623.27 FAITM 4.091.08 FBC BYHALIA 9 20.571.55 FBC HOLLY SPGS 8 78:171.31 FBC POTTS CAMP 1 4.991.68 FSB. VICTORIA	5-260-69 6-978-18 .00 2-950-93 2-386-26 66-76 100-11 4-716-11 5-559-79 28-283-45 12-805-55 2-385-04 2-317-15 455-53 342-73	12,236.87 CEDAR YIEW 5,337.19 CHURCH ROAD 166.87 COLONIAL HILLS 10.275.90 DESOTO WOODS 41.088.97 BERNEZER DESOTO 4,702.19 EBERNEZER TATE 7,98.26 EVANSYILLE	1.076.59 1.0 .00 1.200.00 1.1 20.691.96 10.1 .00 934.19 1.1 2.186.93 2.120.94 1.1	439,39 2,515,98 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .0
KEMPER. BAY SPRINGS PLACKWATER BLUFF SPRINGS CENTER RIDGE CORINTH DEKALB	1.580.66	90.873.46 FBC PETAL GRACE CHAPEL GREENS CREEK 2.689.03 LEBANDN ASSN 3.006.65 MACEDONIA 1:127.13 MAIN STREET 7.790.00 MARS HILL 1:567.46 MAYBANKS 7.409.16 NINETEENTH AVE	4.023.18 4.947.3 249.00 895.0 7.806.57 2.210.9 00 5.559.50 4.992.0 35.437.00 31.891.6 2.948.10 2.164.2 4.048.63 3.570.0	0 1:144.00 MT MORIAH 8 10:017:55 MT PLEASANT 0 :00-851:50 SALEM 9 67:328:69 9LAYDEN 0 :00 SPRING HILL 0 7:118-72	.00 .00 .521.22 .385.80 1.378.00 .2.062.92 1.872.86 .1.857.94 2.809.00 .3.655.53 8.833.58 .5.738.94 1.238.96 .754.00 62.268.59 .46.692.64	907-02 3.440-92 FBC COLDWATER 3.730-80 FBC EUDORA 6.664-53 FBC EUDORA 14.572-52 FBC HORN LAKE 1.992-95 FBC OLIVE BRANCH FBC SOUTHAVEN	7.500.00 6.1.700.90 7.24.640.05 12.10.138.99 2.12.967.22 10.12.598.89 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.89 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598.99 2.12.598	601.37 14.101.37 580.00 2.280.90 161.42 14.129.42 631.36 37.271.41 803.62 12.942.61 967.80 17.387.80 448.13 23.415.35 049.24 14.688.13
KEMPER ASSN LIBERTY SALEM SCOODA UNION UNION HILL VARDMAN W KEMPER	450.00 758.53 750.00 500.00 043.00 2.573.28 121.00 316.00 .00 4.250.00	.00 NORTH 31ST AVE 1.205.3 NORTHSIDE 1.250.00 PETAL HARVEY 6.616.28 PINEVIEW 6.69.82 PROVIDENCE 316.00 RAMLS SPRINGS .00 RIDGECREST 4.250.00 SQUIM 28IH AVE	142-00 424-0 22-014-27 15-263-5 3-035-00 5-192-1 4-560-00 5-192-1 6-52-99 580-7 6-480-51 6-142-0	0 566.00 MISSISSIPPI 558.82 ANITE RIVER 4 37.277.81 BERWICK 9 53.89.89 BETHEL 0 26:286.09 CALVARY GLOSTER 1:233.73 CENTERVILLE 5 12:590.55 CROSBY	1.761.00 2.170.00 1.971.79 861.55 1.052.42 288.12 91.21 1.263.70 22.228.86 4.172.37 4.218.53 2.345.03	.00 FLAG LAKE 3.931.00 GRAYS CREEK 2.833.34 GREEN BROOK 1.354.91 IGENANDO 1.354.91 IGENANDO 26.401.25 IMMANUEL 6.563.56 K. ROBEST BAPT C	904.25 2. 1.697-94 1.729.58 22.044.18 8. 360.00 1. 6.987.00 5. 4.200.01 676.62 1.	354.51 3.258.76 786.19 2.484.13 .00 1.729.58 471.66 30.515.84 333.19 1.693.19 265.20 12.252.20 882.74 5.082.75 321.85 1.998.47
LAFAYETTE ANCHOR BAY SPRINGS BETHEL CLEAR CREEK COLLEGE HILL HGT	3.452.01 3.318.58 200.00 400.00 200.00 275.00 3.661.78 4.214.46 1.480.93 2.940.15	1.042.00 SUNRISE 39.742.06 TEMPLE HATTIESBU TEMPLE PETAL THIRTY EIGHT AVE 6.00.00 UNIVERSITY 4.75.00 7.276.24 4.521.00 LEE	3,396.10 1.807.6 40.983.39 32.533.8 4.129.29 4.074.3 13.071.06 9.604.3 1.913.24 478.3 2.124.99 1.876.0 287.343.77 208.625.4	79.517.21 EBENEZER 6.203.63 ENTERPRISE 6.22.675.42 FBC GALILEE 0.2391.54 GILLSBURG 3.4.001.02 GLADING 6.495.969.23 HEBRON HUX LIBERTY	3.473.67 5.761.79 1.900.15 1.161.00 1.048.38 1.167.00 4.989.15 6.092.97 3.753.24 2.646.56 1.125.00 593.54 1.850.44 1.860.43 .00 12.153.77 10.267.14	9.235.46 CONGUIEW HEIGHTS 3.061.15 LODXAHOMA 2.215.38 MACEDONIA 11.082.12 MACEDONIA 11.082.12 MEADOW BROOK 6.399.80 MINERAL WELLS 1.718.54 MY MANNA 2.540.87 MY ZION DESOTO 8.00 MY ZION TATE 22.4420.91 New GARDEN	2.820.38 2. 334.12 875.73 1.199.88 1. .00 585.55 14.693.76 10.	783.00 983.00 205.50 5,025.88 276.25 610.37 272.03 1.147.76 319.59 2.519.47 250.00 250.00 720.00 1.305.55 727.40 25.421.16
FBC QXFORD 26 HARMONTOWN 4 LAFAYETTE ASSN N QXFORD 16		1-30-03 AUBURN 400-62 BELDEN HAN HAN HAN HAN HAN HAN HAN HAN HAN HA	4.507.43 3.583.4 4.145.19 3.530.7 .00 103.4 2.082.99 2.051.8 2.427.10 1.637.7 65.339.78 39.217.6 3.555.75 1.626.5 1.672.63 1.597.0	7 7.675.96 MT OLIVE 5 103.45 MT PLEASANT 4.134.82 MT VERNON 5.1064.05 NEW ZION 9 104.557.47 OAK GROVE 0 5.182.25 PIONEER 3.269.68 OPERINGEN	4.439.76 2.060.33 .00 159.00 2.161.29 3.552.73 766.20 953.52 949.00 2.069.00 543.21 1.782.51 645.73 774.25 419.56 2.918.10 1.388.47	6.500.09 NEW MOPE 150.00 NEW PROSPECT 5.714.02 NEW TESTAMENT 1.719.72 NORTHWEST ASSN 3.018.00 OAK GROVE 2.325.72 PARKWAY 1.419.08 PLEASANT HILL 3.337.66 SARAH 2.713.47 STRAYHORN	2,683.08 1. .00 .00 1,251.63 1. 272.18 2,673.73 1. 793.00	410.00 2.136.86 694.50 4.377.58 .00 .00 218.37 218.37 380.25 2.631.88 380.23 652.41 750.97 4.424.70 330.79 1.123.79 747.79 4.728.55
NEW PROSPECT OLD UNION PARIS PHILADELPHIA SHILOH TAYLOR I TEMPLE HGTS TULA	3-351.54 1.977.04 70.00 68.00 115.27 76.85 175.00 1.831.00 1.974.36 1.880.29 1.798.29 700.44 2.516.29 2.669.51 232.50 580.25	5.328.58 DUTY CHAPEL 138.00 E HEIGHTS 192.12 E MT ZION 2.006.00 EUCLATUBBA 2.006.00 EUCLATUBBA 3.408.73 FAMILY BC/SHANNO 5.185.80 FBC BALDWYN 812.75 FBC GUNTOWN	499.98 1.499.4 7.749.84 4.096.7 1.320.70 702.0 986.58 520.5 .00 .00 .0 8.268.00 3.237.9 1.555.56 465.0 11.459.65 4.621.0	1,995.43 THOMPSON 7 11.846.61 UNION 2.022.70 WOODVILLE 2 1.515.10 ZION HILL 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	3.189.91 3.579.00 .00 145.00 19.964.79 13.221.24 2.589.39 1.437.29 97.441.47 74.682.64	6-768-91 SUMMER WOOD 145-00 TRINITY 33-186-03 TWIN LAKES 4-026-66 TYRO 172-124-11 WYATTE	2.035.76 1. 100.00 2.952.44 1. 794.29 423.16 217.294.23 142.	412.00 3.447.76 284.00 384.00 272.82 4.225.26 269.30 1.063.59 423.16 866.32 438.53 359.732.76
LAMAR BAXTERVILLE BELLEVUE CALVARY COAL TOWN F'SHIP	1.612.16 478.00 3.341.93 3.456.25 7.970.94 9.331.30 423.88 50.00	9.519.96 FBC SALTILLO 9.519.96 FBC SHANNCN FBC TUPELO FBC VERONA 2.200.16 GRACE MEMORIAL 6.708.18 HARRISBURG 17.302.24 HUGHES CHAPEL 17.302.24 HUGHES CHAPEL	12.604.37 3.952.5 4.324.47 1.859.0 43.000.02 39.932.0 6.424.82 5.606.0 150.00 123.0 37.823.17 22.769.5 .00 .0	6 16-556-93 BARTAMATCHIE 0 6-183-47 BECKER 5 82-932-07 BETHEL 5 12-930-87 CALVARY OKOLONA 0 .273-00 CASON 4 60-592-71 CENTER HILL 0 .00 CENTRAL GROVE 0 .00 FAITH	1.620.65 944.62 809.73 874.54 2.233.21 2.983.58 508.33 501.02 .00 5.963.48 3.487.56 5.370.20 6.747.49 330.00 1.310.92	2-565-27 BROOKSVILLE 1-684-27 CALVARY MACON 5-216-79 CONCORD 1-009-35 DEERBROOK 	300.00 .00 .00 4.875.24 1.127.72	007.79 7.197.80 544.93 5.544.93 454.50 754.50 00 00 274.33 13.149.57 742.00 2.869.72 .00 .00
CORINTH 1 FBC LUMBERTON 8 FBC PURYIS 1.3 FBC SUMBALL 0 GOOD HOPE 1 GREENVILLE 1 HICKORY GROVE 1	1.187.50 487.93 8.333.72 3.910.29 3.540.87 7.249.96 9.232.86 11.850.69 1.352.54 807.58 1.261.20 655.00 1.359.94 1,172.00 6.326.30 3.921.34	1.075.43 LEE ASSN 12.244-01 LINESTONE 20.790.83 MACEDONIA 21.008355 MT VERNON 21.60-12 NEW MOPE 1.936.20 OLO UNION 2.531.94 PALMETTO 10.247-64 PARKETTO	.00 .0 377.50. 577.5 1.931.75 2.403.2 1.628.73 2.384.6 3.534.2 4.338.2 1.361.52 881.2 388.46 426.0 8.225.00 7.081.0	0 955.00 FBC AMORY 9 4.335.04 FBC PRAIRIE 1 4.013.34 FBIENDSHIP 7.672.60 GATTMAN 9 2.242.81 GRACE CHAPEL 8 14.54 GREENWOOD SPGS 4 15.306.04 GREENWOOD SPGS	27,717.00 27,201.41 43,454.00 51,536.80 00 1,742.37 4.110.8 42,00 349.71 66.00 88.00 295.05 588.05	54.918.41 SHUOUALAK 94.990.80 VERNON .00 WESTSIDE 5.653.17 391.71 .00 OKTIBBEHA 154.00 ADATON 879.10 BETHESDA 2.909.66 CALVARY	306.24 49.17 11.348.38 24 1.913.39 1 534.13	.675.25 5.175.25 50.00 356.24 423.97 473.14 .172.77 35.521.15 .583.79 3.497.18 121.55 655.68 .227.25 21.097.44
MILITARY OKAMOLA OLOM ORAL RICHBURG	.00 79.00 73.00 .00 278.53 2.538.03 1.055.50 1.643.01 1.085.76 2.732.98 1.167.47 3.156.86 47.699.60 1	B18-00 PRICEVILLE RIGHMOND 3-596-53 SEC TUPELO 3-596-53 SEC TUPELO 3-590-55 SKYLINE TUPELO 3-590-55 SOUTHERN HGTS SOUTHS IDE TEMPLE GROVE	2.379.60 1.546.0 1.592.91 1.601.5 .00 181.0 4.921.57 5.758.7 .00 65.0 .00 100.0 .00 100.0	6 3.925.66 LIBERTY 5 3.194.46 MEADOWOOD 181.00 HONRDE 1 10.680.28 MEW HOPE 0 55.00 NEW PROSPECT 0 J50.00 QUINCY 1 100.00 ROCKY SPRINGS 3 1.214.19 SMITHMILKS	2.153.58 756.08 .00 6.048.14 5.149.37 .00 893.64 1.355.92 2.269.00 4.531.00 .00 176.21 3.122.59 1.877.47	.00 ČENTER GROVE 11.97.51 ODUBLE: SPRINGS .00. EMMANUEL 2.249.56 FAITH 6.800.00 PBC MABEN .00 FBC STARKVILLE 176.21 FRIENDSHIP 5.00.06 LONGVIEW	496.00 1.123.28 .00 5.679.40 9.5655.56 233.250.01 150.00 1.277.00	749.00 1.245.00 1.123.28 249.00 249.00 549.29 15.228.69 483.00 8.138.56 .369.84 53.619.85 20.00 170.00 218.00 1.495.00
ARKADELPHIA ARROWOOD BAILEY BETHANY BRIARWOOD CALVARY CARMEL	3,220.00 3,103.47 2,048.00 2,032.00 .00 3,408.54 1,082.65 900.00 2,916.35 2,800.00 5,426.16 4,938.11 2,051.25 3,756.70 1,589.91	TEMPLE TUPEL O 6.323.47 UNION 4.080.00 UNION CHAPEL 9.00 VICTORY 1.491.19 W JACKSON STREET 3.816.35 7.826.16 6.989.36 5.346.61 CALVARY	.00 718.59 183.6 .00 23.957.30 6.647.1 279.196.53 184.629.6	00 SOUTHS IDE 902.28 SPLUNGE 03 30.604.43 2463.826.15 MONTGOMERY 02 7.945.47 BETHLEHEN	979.00 1.419.00 6.486.59 4.188.90 1.392.60 1.247.08 154.32 537.25 113.651.48 121.958.87 35.00 25.00 3.113.96 4.086.40	2.398.00 MEADOW VIEW 10.675.58 MORGAN CHAPEL 2.639.68 NEW HOPE 691.57 OKTIBBEHA ASSN 235.610.35 PLEASANT RIDGE SELF CREEK STURGIS 60.00 WAKE FOREST 7.200.36	1.450.00 2 625.00 .00 2.088.56 1. 2.440.63 4.	*578.68 11.535.28 .361.27 3.811.27 .721.00 1.346.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .258.00 3.346.58 .445.52 6.886.15 .490.25 1.380.20 .425.44 134.825.16
CRESCENT MILL DALEVILLE EASTVIEW EIGHT AVE EMMANUEL FBC COLLINSVILLE FBC LAUDERDALE	1.514.17 719.43 113.80 275.67 213.00 30.00 1.173.93 533.73 9.220.88 5.670.69 389.25 651.00 6.170.55 1.499.05 5.712.61 4.997.38 3.136.57 10.499.24	2,233.60 FBC GREENWOOD 389.67 FBC ITTA BENA 243.00 FBC MINTER CITY 1.707.66 IMMANUEL 1.707.66 IMMANUEL 1.707.66 ON TORNO 1.709.99 N GREENWOOD 23.635.81 PHILLIPSTON	15.153.55 16.940.7 8.072.81 5.171.4 436.60 217.2 10.478.63 3.162.7 .00 2.090.41 802.0 2.090.41 802.0 14.677.38 5.287.9	53 32.094.30 DUCK HILL 132.244.22 ESKRIGGE 653.86 FBC #INDNA 0 13.641.42 HEBRON 0 VILMICMAEL 2 692.43 MILLIGAN SPGS 217.66 HISSION 10.905.33 MONTGOMERY ASSN	4.672-04 3.019-98 50.00 162.05 37.936.65 25.802.86 1.123.44 1.218.75 4.063.44 1.218.75 0.00 275.00 200 0.00	7-692-02 PANOLA 63-739-51 ASKEW 2-342-19 CALVARY 5-483-09 COMO 350-00 COURTLANO -00 CRENSHAW	1.556.24 2. 4.106.00 5. 692.00 2.035.54 2.	00 .00 .793.17 4.349.41 .378.50 9.484.50 .00 692.00 .621.00 4.656.54 .00 .00
FBC MERIDIAN FELLOWSHIP FIFTEENTH AVE GOODWATER GRANDVIEW HERRON HICKORY GROVE HIGHLAND	6.677.87 39.176.44 3.656.81 2.548.49 1.720.60 21.523.47 3.779.49 1.829.60 2.47.50 203.95 7.450.25 4.087.57 224.98 505.12 8.333.35 20.865.18	125-854-31 RIVERSIDE 6.205-30 SCHLATER 33.244-07 SIDON 5.609.09 451.45 11-537-82 LINCOLN 730.10 ARLINGTON 39.190.53 BETHEL	1.123.92 137.4 940.32 .0 900.00 655.0 120.00 485.5 58.414.47 36.602.4 1.897.25 1.122.4 1.860.14 807.9	0 1.555.00 PINE FOREST 5. 605.55 POPLAR CRK NATIO 9. 105.50 POPLAR CRK NATIO POPLAR SPRINGS PROSPECT 9. 3.019.74 SHILDH 3. 2.668.07 SOUTHSIDE	23.98 23.97 7.652.52 3.008.99 550.00 950.00 111.00 227.40 235.28 604.80 2.596.32 1.470.70 .00 135.00	47.95 EASLEY MEM 10,737.50 ENIO LAKE 1.500.00 ENON 338.40 FBC BATESVILLE 840.08 FBC SARDIS' .00 FIRST FAITH 4.067.02 GOOD HOPE 135.00 MAYES CROSS MSN .00 MEBRON	659.66 1. 28.711.02 16. 9.140.31 8. 427.66 499.98 1. 4.50 1.555.77	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00
KEWANEE LAUDERDALE ASSN LIBERTY MACEDONIA MEEMAN MIDWAY MT GILEAD	250.00 1.534.00 2.267.56 2.979.22 5.372.86 2.316.95 377.01 175.32 7.648.03 12.435.06 6.940.62 4.104.65 3.400.75 3.553.28 1.955.93 1.186.37	1.784.00 BIG SPRINGS .00 BIGUE CHITTO 5.246.78 BROOKWAY 7.689.81 CALVARY 552.33 CENTRAL 40.283.09 CLEAR BRANCH 11.045.27 EAST HAVEN 6.954.03 EAST LINCOLN 2.242.30 FAIR RIVER	254.26 436.7 2.751.86 761.2 - 397.70 30.0 2.548.50 1.966.1 8.622.34 5.367.3 1.878.00 1.319.0 8.036.00 7.818.2 448.49 1.011.2 3.476.00 2.119.8	44 691-00 STEMART 7 3-513-13 TRI-COUNTY 0 427-70 UNITY 5 4-514-65 2 13-98-66 0 3-197-00 NESHOBA 9 15-850-29 ANTIOCH 2 14-459-71 BEACON ST	473.39 457.78 625.68 1.170.88 120.00 524.00 63.457.70 44.659.12 2.802.00 4.390.76 966.98 2.229.13	931-17 IMMANUEL 1-796-88 LIBERTY HILL 644-00 LOCKE STATION 108-116-82 MCIVOR N BATESVILLE PANOLA ASSN 7-192-76 PACH CREEK 3-194-11 PMARSALIA 1-163-35 PILGRIMS REST	227.01 2.188.00 1. 1.197.38 30.00 .00 1. .00 1. .00 3.	\$95.00
MY VERNON MY VIEW NEW HOPE NORTHCREST OAK GROVE OAKLAND MGTS PIME FOREST PIME GROVE	1.459.42 2.990.06 219.74 434.23 4.044.82 9.336.39 4.461.04 2.163.06 3.999.60 8.502.67 7.088.48 5.479.50 1.857.87 3.564.47 3.317.62 3.146.27	4-449.48 FBC BROOKHAVEN 653-97 FFIENDSHIP 13-381.21 GUN GROVE 6-624-10 HALBERT HGTS 12-502.27 HARMONY 12-567-98 HEUCKS RETREAT 5-422-34 HOLLY SPRINGS 6-463-99 LINCOLN ASSN.	37,380,95 24,450,0 4,474,23 4,319,1 3,547,51 3,072,9 1,203,22 1,704,7 391,35 391,3 2,933,00 5,474,0 687,00 129,0	0 61.030.95 BETHSAIDA 3 8.793.36 BLUFF SPRINGS 6 6.620.47 BONO 8 2.908.00 BURNSIDE 762.70 COLDWATER 0 6407.00 COUNTY LINE 0 816.00 DIXON 0 90 E PHILADELPHIA	110.39 1.052.96 1.176.97 2.636.90 1.20.23 2.708.56 120.23 2.708.56 2.048.60 2.310.87 800.00 2.075.00 81.00 130.00 4.879.20 6.518.85	3-812-97 POPE 3-828-79 SARDIS LAKE 3-828-79 SARDIS LAKE 4-359-47 TOCOWA 2-875-00 UNION 211-90	2.368.00 1. 90.00 1.109.57 600.00 959.16	043.00 2.353.71 328.00 3.696.00 90.00 310.70 1.420.27 14.79 614.79 200.00 200.00 677.85 1.637.01 721.16 112.161.32
POPLAR SPGS OR 20 RUSSELL 10 SALEN SAVOY SOUTHSIDE 12 STATE BLVD 20 TOOMSUBA	5.643.46 895.40 6.666.64 26.823.21 0.167.80 5.239.46 180.00 1.082.15 .00 2.00 2.999.96 9.148.65 6.262.42 13.986.85 4.491.45 3.115.13 6.150.02 3.125.82	6:538.86 LITTLE BAMALA 53.489.85 MACEDONIA 15.407.26 MISSION HILL 1:262.15 MOAKS CREEK .00 MONTGOMERY 22.148.61 MI MORIAM 40.249.27 MI PLEASANT 7:606.58 MT ZION 9.275.84 NEW PROSPECT	.00 1.651.0 11.105.57 10.260.2 878.70 2.560.0 2.802.19 4.177.2 2.260.65 1.379.7 6.940.50 10.671.5 2.240.22 1.400.2 3.994.76 2.035.0 6.052.59 4.470.8	3 21,365.80 FELLOWSHIP 3.438.70 GOOD HOPE 1 6.979.40 GRACE 0 3.640.35 HIGH HILL 17.612.00 HOPE 3.640.47 LAUREL HILL 6.029.84 LINWOOD	15.000.00 11.369.06 277.25 670.79 787.79 758.06 630.70 1.518.45 1.594.20 300.00 541.00 632.85 190.00 3,535.86 4.790.24	26.369.06 PEARL RIVER 554.50 BETHEL 1.456.58 CEMTRAL 1.386.76 CORINTE 3.112.65 CRANE CREEK 841.00 DERBY 822.65 EMANUEL 8.326.10 FAITH MEMORIAL 1.279.00 FBC CARRIERE	1.521.75 863.19 1.908.21 931.28 .00 332.56	882-29 7.055-18 570.60 3.092-35 429.94 1.293.13 275.00 3.183.21 982-14 1.913-42 167.50 167.50 514.56 847.12 959.58 9.153.02
LAWRENCE ANTIOCH ARM BETHEL CALVARY CARMEL	6,930.06 263.136.17 (2.044.12 1.717.35 4.099.98 2.139.68 6.276.99 1.767.65 2.535.29 711.00	020.0060.23 NEW SIGHT PEARL HAVEN PHILADELPHIA 935.40 PLEASANT GROVE 3.761.47 PLEASANT HILL 6.230.66 RUP 8.044.64 SHADY GROVE 3.246.29 SQUTHWAY	3.795.69 5.069.9 3.115.37 1.405.5 859.82 1.036.6 4.801.67 7.169.8 4.673.59 5.024.8 365.65 2.518.3 750.00 704.7 1.385.99 2.650.2	6 8:055-65 HYNNELSON 0 4:520-87 N BLACK JACK 0 1:896-42 N CALVARY 1 1:971-50 NE SHOBA 0 9:698-39 NE SHOBA ASSN 3 2:883-98 NEW BETHEL 3 1:454-73 NEW HARMONY 7 4:036-26 NEW PLEASANTDALE	388.53 588.53 3.446.47 3.451.09 1.809.00 2116.98 00 259.08 418.13 238.03	.00 FBC NICHOLSON 977-06 FBC OZOMA 6-897-56 FBC PICAYUNE 3-925-98 FBC POPLARVILLE 259-08 FLAT TOP UNITY 892-94 FORDS CREEK 656-15 GOODYEAR .00 GRACE MEMORIAL	1.726.92 1. 1.213.00 30.331.71 42. 15.380.14 9. 441.89 1.317.89 6.351.69 4.	733.34 3.460.26 461.00 1.674.00 990.44 73.322.15 801.20 25.181.34 189.37 631.26 846.03 2.163.92 118.34 10.470.03 659.87 659.87
FAITH JAYESS LAWRENCE ASSN MONTICELLO NEW HEBRON 11 NEW HOPE NEW ZION NOLA	2.257.05 451.39 206.42 387.00 .00 1.060.86 .00 .00 5.499.98 9.337.03 3.026.24 2.814.24 4.732.96 3.332.17 1.255.95 1.122.21 101.00	2.708.44 TOPISAM .593.42 UNION 1.080.86 UNION HALL .00 WELLMAN 24.837.01 15.842.46 8.065.13 LOWNDES 2.378.16 ANTIOCH 101.00 ARTESIA	682-51 1-341-7 1-429-96 1-442-3 2-895-14 1-840-2 2-426-61 1-451-8 146-244-98 132-566-5 9-198-60 6-519-5 1-917-62 575-0	55 2.024-26 DAK GADVE 62.072-32 DLD PEARL VALLEY 22 4.735-36 PINE GROVE 83.078-49 SALEM 62 278.613-54 SAND HILL SARDIS 978.15.718-17 TRINITY 10 2.492-62 W PHILADELPHIA	251.98 2.946.98 387.22 1.481.76 1.051.22 3.895.36 1.244.47 2.137.05 300.00 956.00 330.82 806.82 3.782.65 4.533.46 1.630.16 2.677.38 420.00 644.00	3.198.96 GUM POND 1.865.98 HARMONY 4.946.58 JUNIPER GROVE 3.381.52 N. HEMLEYFIELD 1.258.00 MEW PALESTINE 1.137.64 OAK HILL 8.316.11 OLIVE 4.707.54 PARKVIEW CHAPEL 1.064.00 PEARL RIVER ASSN 8.25.14 PINE GROVE	3.731.75 771.29 12.064.36 2.266.75 1.035.00 935.22	670.64 1.486.19 1997.50 3.288.96 399.97 8.131.72 670.40 1.441.69 407.38 20.471.74 121.23 3.387.98 500.00 4.535.00 965.74 1.900.96
OAKVALE OLD SILVER CREEK PROVIDENCE TO RIVERSIDE SAULS VALLEY SHILOM TOPEKA WANILLA	2.964.40 1.914.26 975.73 724.74 704.50 226.00 667.41 474.48 214.34 1.401.52 6.121.54 3.571.93 925.20 1.777.99 608.46 120.32	4.878.66 BETHEL 1.700.47 BOADER SPRINGS 930.50 CALVARY 1.141.89 CAMAAN 1.615.86 COMMUNITY 9.693.47 EASTEND 2.703.19 FAIRVIEW 728.78 FAIRW	2.483.00 2.674.0 2.368.04 913.0 6.274.25 3.945.6 .00 1087.5 596.31 375.1 13.679.14 5.951.9 57.043.20 32.644.2 1.039.00 263.7	0 5.157.00 WHITE OAK 10 3.281.04 17 10.219.92 10 10.87.50 NEW CHOCTAW 7 971.46 BETHANY 15 19.631.09 BOGUE CHITTO 15.302.70 CAL VARY	53,464.27 73.438.13 .00 26.15 .00 26.15 .00 7.00 .00 7.00	126.902.40 ROSELAND PARK SPRING HILL STEEP HOLLOW 26.15 UNION .00 UNITY 7.00 WEST POPLARVILLE .00 WEST UNION	6.715.00 5. 19.098.84 12. 1.473.83 1. 2.260.89 1. 23.874.19 15. 6.378.68 5. 2.101.62 7.	.366.10 12.081.10 .629.59 31.528.43 .145.00 2.618.83 .710.54 3.971.43 .735.63 39.249.82 .636.45 12.015.13 145.00 145.00
LEAKE ANTIOCH BETHEL CEDAR GROVE CENTER HILL CONTITH	5,118.56 36.108.22 .00 .00 30.00 175.00 .00 49.19 120.00 693.65 1.588.41 2.559.56	101.226.78 FBC COLUMBUS FBC STEENS FRIENDSHIP .00 IMMANUEL .205.00 KOLOLA SPRINGS .40.19 LAKEVIEW MSN .813.65 LOWNOES ASSN 4.147.9 MAYHEV	108,322.45 110.374.6 .00 226.0 6.078.69 6.846.3 7.037.01 1.839.0 .00 150.0 215.00 125.0	11 224-697-06 CANAAN 200 CHOCTAW CENTRAL 226-05 CORINTH 10 6-876-01 HOPE 10 150-00 MT ZION 10 400 NEW CHOCTAW ASSN 10 340-00 NEW CHOCTAW ASSN	54.00 123.76 100.00 270.25 5.00 28.00 70.00 61.50 29.50 245.73 78.00 242.66	177.76 WMITE SAND 100.00 396.25 33.00 131.50 ARLINGTON 275.23 BETMEL 320.66 BREWER 00 BUCK CREEK	914.77 50.00 1.387.80 357.82	626.64 1.541.41 144.21 194.21 .002.24 2.390.04 46.00 46.00
FREENY GOOD HOPE LEAKE ASSN	739.02 1.632.18 .00 .00 6.413.54 11.789.93 289.74 732.28 1.443.07 573.70 .00 2.619.60 2.580.00	2.371.20 MCBEE .00 MT VERNON 26.203.47 MT ZION 1.022.02 NEW MOPE 2.016.77 NEW SALEM .00 PLEASANT HILL 5.199.60 PLYMOUTH	215-00 123-0 6-892-13 5-038-6 6-663-51 10-309-3 431-60 861-5 3-212-03 12-467-4 5-062-27 1-427-7 899-59 .0	11.930.82 PINE BLUFF 19 16.972.90 16 1.293.16 15.679.52 NEWTON 15.679.50 BEAT LINE	-00 -00 -00 144-33 462-50 1.149-38	144-33 EASTSIDE 1-411-88 FBC. BEAUMONT FBC NEW AUGUSTA FBC RICHTON -00 FBC RUNNELSTOWN	35.00 4.600.02 3.998.50 2.14.125.19	100.00 135.00 .598.46 8.198.48 .506.00 6.504.50 .283.74 21.408.93 .120.95 2.054.02 .606.00 1.495.23

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INDIAN SPRINGS JANICE MEMORIAL PERRY ASSN PROSPECT SEMINARY UNION	3.213.09 4.526 .00 646.32 43 .00 233.50 451 146.17 114	.00 .00 .16 689.48 .00 .00 .00 684.50 .00 260.17	THORN HILL TRINITY UNION WALKER HILL	150.00 5.160.89 831.81 731.37 352.483.58	2.473.55 1.190.93 371.92 179.965.92	150-00 7.634-44 2.022-74 1.103-29 532.449-50	TALLAHATCHIE BRAZIL CASCILLA CORINTH COWART F FRIENDSHIP FBC CHARLESTON FBC SURNER	48.75 268.77 752.26 988.89 719.00 11.771.63 2.025.52	48.75 2.905.90 2.324.30 1.543.88 1.101.00 6.939.84 5.670.50	97.50 DARLOYE 3.174.67 EMANUEL 3.076.56 FSC GREENVILL 2.532.77 FSC LELAND 1.620.00 GLENDALE 10.711.47 GREENFIELD 7.696.02 HOLLANDALE	4.285.60 3.932.34 8.217.94 9.311.88 12.971.99 22.283.87
PIKE BALA CHITTO BLUFF SPRINGS BOGUE CHITTO CALVARY CENTRAL E MCCOMB	Little	0.00 1.023.21 7.00 2.489.20 8.25 4.593.48 8.36 4.586.48 5.38 24.692.51	RIVERSIDE GEREA CHERRY STREET CLARKSDALE DUNDEE FARRELL JONESTOWN LULA	366.35 1.012.50 12.729.81 40.00 .00 7.051.11 .00 2.601.16	366.35 1.759.33 18.888.49 105.00 7.906.82 .00 2.323.00	732.70 2.771.83 31.618.30 145.00 .00 14.957.93 .00 4.924.16	PBC TUTWILER MT PISGAM PARYS PAUL PAYNES PHILIPP SPRING HILL TALLAMATCHIE ASN	4,450.04 387.50 172.70 309.11 1,694.89 .00 .00	6.599.77 1.155.88 172.70 651.13 1.808.71 107.00 620.00	11.049.81 LARE WASHING 1.543.38 LARE WIEW 345.40 MORTHS EV GREE 960.24 PARKVIEW LEL/ 107.00 SC. GREENVILL 620.00 SC. GREENVILL 620.00 SUITHS IDE	3.683.30 2.428.25 6.111.55 845.36 861.52 1.706.88 1.7984.95 1.552.53 9.537.48 1.000 206.23 89.24 297.47 2.8 12.303.98 7.732.97 20.036.95 8.963.20 0.571.89 15.535.09 1.853.17 1.587.17 3.440.34
EAST UNION FBC MAGNOLIA FBC MCCOMB FBC SUMMIT FELLOWSHIP FERNWOOD FRIENDSHIP HOLMESVILLE	750.00 596 11.352.83 10.877 51.916.07 30.256 13.999.98 3.747 646.49 1.350.00 1.701 9.837.24 6.781 1.233.29 2.465	5.67 1.346.67 7.81 22.230.64 8.20 82.174.27 7.67 17.747.65 1.00 1.357.49 1.80 3.051.80 1.27 16.618.31	LYON GAKHURST GAKHURST BAP MSN RENA LARA RIVERSIDE RIVERSIDE ASSN UNION CHAPEL	8.941.83 29.810.56 .00 1.182.83 300.00 638.60 64.674.75	3.953.67 27.956.57 .00 1.688.46 .255.00 .943.60 66.146.29	12.895.50 57.767.13 .00 2.871.29 .555.00 1.582.20 130.821.04	TIPPAH ACADENY CHALYBEATE CONCORD DUMAS	2.998.49 27.190.49 2.442.68 525.00 1.200.00 6.123.20	3.726.17 35.822.49 1.263.95 2.402.98 1.466.58 2.194.54	63-012-98 WASHINGTON AS 3-706-63 WAYNE 2-927-98 BIG CREEK 2-066-58 CALVARY CALVARY	3.992.70 2.910.42 6.903.12 6.412.01 3.603.60 10.015.61 578.60 1.503.12 2.061.72
IMMANUEL JOHNSON STATION LOCUST STREET MT ZION NAVILLA NORTH RCCOMB OSYKA PIKE ASSN	120.00 563 1.662.00 978 2.735.03 1.605 906.79 376 6.014.70 2.445 2.039.70 1.583 1.816.75 2.436	3.00 683.00 6.25 2.640.25 5.34 4.340.37 6.08 1.282.87 6.40 8.460.10 3.48 3.623.18 6.50 4.253.25	SCOTT BETHLEHEN BRANCH CALVARY CASH CLIFTON COOPERVILLE	2.767.97 1.115.88 1.671.67 1.702.00 827.12 806.91	2.333.97 915.80 1.885.86 1.584.50 360.00 1.568.26	5.101.94 2.031.68 3.557.55 3.286.50 1.187.12 2.375.17	FALKNER PBC RIPLEY FELLOWSHIP HARMONY LEBANON LOWREY MEMORIAL MACEDONIA MT HEBRON	2.008.79 22.862.45 1.590.27 3.334.91 4.629.99 150.00	2.063.22 6.384.21 2.831.22 5.715.45 .00 10.509.74 .00 300.00	4-092-01 CLEAR CREEK 29-246-66 COUNTY LINE 4-421-49 COVT 9-050-36 ERET 15-139-73 EVERGREEN 450-00 PBC BUCKATUNI 450-00 PBC BUCKATUNI	1.862.71 1.541.30 3.404.07 615.35 453.71 1.069.07 503.61 799.70 1.303.27 200.98 222.17 423.15 751.80 1.144.97 1.896.77 417.18 824.03 1.241.21
PROGRESS SILVER CREEK SILVER SPRINGS SOUTH MCCOMB TANGIPAHOA TERRY CREEK UNITY W MCCOMB	1,420.71 1.004 1.107.68 342 4.416.60 6.099 2.417.60 600 10.637.83 3.516 2.331.35 2.626	2.00 1.449.68 9.53 10.516.13 0.00 3.017.60 6.72 14.154.55 4.00 364.00 6.00 4.957.35	EAST FOREST EAST MORTON EPHESUS FBC LAKE FBC MORTON FOREST HARPERVILLE HILLSBORD HOME WOOD	379-22 1-200-00 800-00 2-447-83 4-800-00 17-105-12 2-901-03 671-00 470-44	1+335-51 570-00 1-009-00 3-213-36 7-462-03 12-485-86 2-191-67 2-076-10 705-92	1.714.73 1.770.00 1.809.00 5.661.19 12.262.03 29.590.98 5.092.70 2.747.10 1.176.36	MT MORIAH MT OLIVE NORTH RIPLEY OAKLAND PALMER PEOPLES PINE GROVE PLEASANT HILL	88-01 147-13 2-166-75 1-778-00 762-47 1-024-00	55.92 189.98 761.84 2.317.93 1.512.00 1.380.30 333.68 572.00	55.92 PBC CLARA LII 928.97 PBC STATE LII 928.97 PBC STATE LII 928.97 PBC STATE LII 929.90 PBC STATE PB	3.062.52 2.605.01 5.667.53 NE 2.521.53 4.650.62 7.172.15 RO 27.189.01 16.960.85 44.140.86 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 2.128.80 2.701.28 4.830.08 VE 4.586.27 2.6652.53 7.440.80 2.509.39 1.884.50 3.693.89 957.16 756.00 1.713.16
PONTOTOC ALGOMA BELLEVUE BUCHANAN CAIRO CAREY SPRINGS CENTER, HILL	120.00 241.29 .00 550	7-28 266-849-31 -00 1.086-52 .00 120-00 1.45 552.74 00 50-70 .00 0 1.00 670-28	HOPE WELL LIBERTY LINE CREEK LUDLOW MT OLIVET NEW GOOD HOPE NEW HOME — NEW LIBERTY	60.00 321.57 398.33 813.37 50.00 .00 187.13 229.19	*00 531.57 245.00 555.35 100.00 102.01 492.79	60.00 853.14 643.33 1.368.72 150.00 00 289.14 721.98	PROVIDENCE SMADY GROVE SPRINGDALE TIPLERSVILLE TIPPAM ASSN. TURNERS CHAPEL UNITY WALNUT	1.592.94 1.484.12 3.614.90 935.04 .00 25.34 .00 378.00	3.976.14 3.246.85 3.106.52 285.50 .00 319.46	4-730-97 W SHADY GROVI 1-220-54 WATER OAK -00 ZION REST -00 433-00 WINGTON	1.554.36 964.26 2.518.62 1.904.38 1.264.29 3.188.67 1.904.38 1.264.29 3.188.67 0.00 .00 1.158.76 .00 .00 .00 .00 205.43 519.37 724.80 67.573.43 59.473.33 127.046.76
CMERRY CREEK CMESTERV*LE CALV COOKE MEMORIAL COUNTY LINE ECRU ENDVILLE FBC PONTOTOC FBC TROY	1.820.87 1.749 236.00 140 .00 1.208.67 1.143 9.229.34 8.185 1.184.05 1.863 37.967.49 26.073	9.85 3.570.72 0.08 376.08 .00 .00 3.00 2.351.67 5.53 17.414.87 3.30 3.047.35	NEW ZION NORTH MORTON OAK GROVE PARKWAY PLEASANT RIDGE PULASKI RIDGE SAMDRIDGE	42.73 2.255.43 175.00 35.63 165.17 233.66 51.23	159.70 1.142.59 712.00 58.04 .00 237.27 34.15 612.24	202.43 3.396.02 887.00 93.67 165.17 470.93 85.38 1.723.33	WEST RIPLEY WHITTENTOWN TISHOMINGO BELMONT FIRST BETHLEHER CALVARY CENTRAL	2.931.45 200.00 61.995.44 990.00 255.58 1.686.00 2.110.27	1.199.00 742.27 3.086.00 6.952.77	5-195-53 327-00 117-671-53 CALVARY CRYSTAL RIDG 2-189-00 997-85 4-772-00 ELLISON RIDG 9-063-04 ENON	200.00 300.00 500.00 1.797.69 4.966.20 6.763.89 650.00 629.96 1.279.96 2.353.27 1.853.65 4.206.92
FRIENDSHIP FURRS GERSHORM GREEN VALLEY MSN HARMONY HERBON HOPEWELL HORTON MEMORIAL	1.123.21 2.45 1.904.85 3.38 169.00 25 746.16 1.72 1.174.78 1.416	9.67 3.582.88 9.89 5.294.74 3.51 422.51 7.05 2.473.21 6.00 2.590.78 .00 318.64 .00 .00	SCOTT ASSN SEBASTOPOL SPRINGFIELD STEELE TEMPLE TWO MILE UNION	.00 2.639.83 3.347.45 631.51 742.97 62.27 204.05 53.623.80	2.968.05 5.481.89 1.567.64 918.97 635.84 244.05 56.497.01	5.807.88 8.829.34 2.199.15 1.661.94 698.11 448.10 110.120.81	EASTPORT FBC BURNSVILLE FOREST GROVE HARMONY HILL HIGHLAND IUKA MT MORIAM MT VERNON	186.17 1.223.36 .00 219.36 765.21 10.236.46 284.29 557.81	752.31 362.00 862.08 1.805.21 9.426.03 407.25	9:063.04 ENUM 938-48 EVERGREEN 1:585.36 FBC LOUISVILI 000 DOD HOPE 1:081-44 GUM BRANCH 2:570-42 HAMMONY 19:064-49 HINZE 091-54 LIBERTY 357-81 MACEDONIA MAS HILL	3.982.35 3.635.67 7.618.02 3.635.61 7.618.02 3.635.61 7.752.08 4.00 7.752.08 4.00 7.500 7.500 7.500 1.703.66 631.82 2.335.20 0.00 1.907.17 1.685.99 3.593.16 2.190.00 1.624.85 3.814.85 697.24 748.00 1.445.24
IMMANUEL LEE MEMORIAL LIBERTY LOCUST HILL LONGVIEW MIDWAY MEW FAITH NEW HOPE	7.00 1.877.35 3.756 2.645.30 2.01 3.494.04 2.615 705.31 1.300 95.56 801 117.42 111	3.50 4.658.80 9.14 6.113.18	SHARKEY-ISSAQUEI CARY DEER CREEK FBC ANGUILLA FBC DELTA CITY FBC ROLLING FORK SMARKEY-ISSA STRAIGHT BAYOU	1.737.38 120.62 4.092.42 .00 15.610.98 2.014.41	1.595.85 600.00 2.434.00 420.00 6.190.79 3.687.54	3.333.23 720.62 6.526.42 420.00 21.801.77 .00	MT ZION NEW BURTON NEW LIBERTY NEW PROSPECT NEW SALEM NORTH BETHEL OLO UNIGN OLOHAM	.00 1.186.93 2.591.00 1.440.60 121.74 903.25	.00 907.50 2.133.77 1.557.45 121.74 1.039.74 271.43 740.52	2409443 3 MURPHY CREEK NOVAPATER 4.724.77 PDPLAR FLAT 2498405 SHILOH 1942.99 STOUTH LOUISY 732.92 SOUTH LOUISY	4-183.00 4-195.63 8.378.63 9:348.17 13:253.30 22:601.47 243.00 179.00 4.662.80 1-963.00 2.699.80 4.662.80 1-377.12 1.924.32 3.301.44 310.18 437.18 747.36
NEW ROBBS BETHEL OAK HILL PINEY GROVE PONTOTOC RANDOLPH SCHOONA CHAPEL SHADY GROVE SPRINGVILLE THAXTON	.00 30	5.00 3.117.86 0.00 300.00 5.00 25.00 4.00 1.530.00 .00 .00 0.73 6.803.73 3.00 183.00	SIMPSON ANTIOCH ATHENS BETHLEHEM BEULAH	1.651.25 25.227.06 1.692.79 .00 976.81 842.83	2.317.22 17.245.40 1.934.55 .00 1.228.71 3.936.56	3.968.47 42.472.46 3.627.34 .00 2.205.52 4.779.39	PADEN SHADY GROVE SHORT CREEK SOUTH CROSS ROS SOUTHWOOD TISHOMINGO TISHOMINGO ASSN UNITY	346.00 84.00 446.07 611.51 1.215.42 3.146.22 .00	740.52 99.00 756.19 240.25 2.437.32 3.613.11 300.00 606.74 1.104.04	1.006.52 1.83.00 WESS CHAPEL WESS CHAPEL	741.51 1.016.50 1.758.01 194.00 1.044.00 1.238.00 220.18 110.10 330.28
TOCCOPOLA TOXISH TROY TURNPIKE VALLEY GROVE WEST HEIGHTS WOODLAND ZION	947.88 2.27 411.35 68 1.109.86 467.82 1.05 11.520.96 3.69 2.077.22 3.05 3.645.88 3.10	.00 .00 5.00 3.222.88 1.47 1.092.82 .00 1.1092.82 2.75 1.540.57 2.66 15.213.62 1.45 5.128.62 1.45 6.751.34	BRAXTON CALVARY CALVARY BRAXTON CAMPBELLS CREEK COAT CORINTH D LO DRY CREEK	2.457.00 60.00 1.204.96 .00 1.313.74 1.872.23 234.48 1.987.95	2.001.00 60.00 1.153.92 .00 1.329.36 3.076.40 .00 1.770.76	4.458.00 120.00 2.358.88 .00 2.643.12 4.948.63 234.46 3.758.71	VELLOW CREEK UNION BEECH GROVE BETHESDA ELMO FAYETTE FBC UNION CHURCH	878-27 32-050-45 183-53 246-01 672-93 1-640-00 1-511-08	233-48 448-48 299-59 1-281-00 2-335-91	73.574.17 CAMP GROUND CLEAR SPRING 417.01 DIVIDING RID 604.49 ELAM 972.52 FBC COFFEEVI 2.921.00 FBC WATER VA 3.886.99 FRIENDSHIP	600.00 633.00 1.233.00 2.658.31 2.481.43 5.169.74 SGE .00 .00 .00 1.423.37 330.00 1.753.37 LLE 15.000.00 37.698.16 52.698.16 LLEY 15.250.00 21.100.57 36.350.57 LUCY 15.250.00 196.00
PRENTISS CALVARY CANDLERS CHAPEL CRESTWOOD E BOONEVILLE E MARIETTA	2.115.88 1.66 116.19 85 .00 2.76 4.598.00 3.48	2.79 179.462.33 2.84 3.778.72 9.57 975.76 2.27 2.762.27 6.14 8.084.14 .00 59.81	EASTSIDE EVERETT FAITH FBC MAGEE FBC MENDENHALL FELLOWSHIP GOODWATER GOSHEN	526.37 .00 .00 25.292.79 28.275.13 .00 4.712.16 165.50	832-95 .00 19.387.74 8.736.61 1.571.84 275.50	1.359.32 .00 .00 44.680.53 37.011.74 .00 6.284.00 441.00	FELLOWSHIP HERMANVILLE PATTISON PLEASANT HILL PORT GIBSON RED LICK SHILOH UNION ASSN	196.18 580.00 269.89 453.49 4.274.22 146.90 1.703.50	111-03 410-00 283-44 565-00 3-038-22 272-89 914-92	307-21 HAVEN HILL 990-00 HOPE WELL 553-33 MT GILEAD 1-018-49 NEW HOPE 7-312-44 O TUCKALOFA 419-79 OAKLAND 2-618-42 PINE GROVE -00 SYLVARENA	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00
E PLEASANT RIDGE E PRENTISS FAIRVIEW FBC BOONEVILLE FOREST HILL MSN GASTON INGRAM JUMPERTOWN MSN	12.484.83 12.512 520.15 52 3.792.22 4.034 2.732.27 570 246.77 159	5.79	GUM SPRINGS HARRISVILLE HOLLY GROVE JUPITER KENNEDY SPRINGS MACEDONIA MAGEE PLEASANT H HAIN STREET	268.37 8.016.65 1.931.00 462.00 569.79 517.61 425.98 2.264.57 2.181.18	549.87 4.965.82 1.236.00 812.00 2.804.00 1.177.06 206.50 1.123.37 2.196.23	818-24 12-982-47 3-167-00 1-274-00 3-373-79 1-694-67 632-48 3-387-94	UNION COUNTY AMAZIAM BEECH SPRINGS BETHEL BEULAH	120.00 11,997.73 1.485.61 465.34 4.054.00	1.800.75 112.70 775.56 746.00	120.00 TILLATOBA WAYSIDE YALOBUSHA AS 3.266.36 112.70 YAZOO 1.260.90 ANDING 4.800.00 BENTONIA	3.068.80 1.798.81 4.867.61
MT OLIVE NEW BURTON OAK HILL OSBORNE CREEK PINEY GROVE PLEASANT GROVE PRENTISS ASSN THRASHER TUSCUMBIA	807.39 96 .00 16 .388.97 71 .144.50 40 .00 21 1.596.57 2.00	0.44 651.56 4.96 1.772.35 0.92 160.92 8.21 1.107.18 3.50 548.00 0.00 210.00	MT ZION NEW BETHLEHEM NEW HOPE NEW ZION OAK GROVE PALESTINE PINE GROVE PINOLA PLEASANT HILL PI	.00 119-06 1.283-36 1.818-63 1.717-12 500-00 461-55	585.00 380.00 960.12 2.360.00 200.00 2.362.73 2.763.91 171.97	\$85.00 499.06 2.243.48 4.178.63 200.00 4.079.85 3.263.91 653.52 350.00	BLUE SPRINGS CENTER CLARK STREET CORNERSVILLE ELLISTOWN FBC NEW ALBANY FREDONIA GLENFIELD	1.054.17 2.340.77 139.93 486.52 4.534.65 37.347.35 1.332.20 1.859.73	100.00 3.994.70 21.32 269.91 6.531.75 26.326.21 1.588.07 35.00	6.335.47 BETMLEMEN 161.25 BLACK JACK 756.43 CALVARY 756.43 CENTER RIDGE 63.673.56 CENTRAL 2.920.27 CONCORD 1.694.73 EDEN 700.00	1.221.00 1.012.00 2.233.00 1.051.10 1.901.00 3.652.10 2.040.77 3.164.22 6.004.99 3.058.44 2.202.08 5.861.32 1.027.25 313.52 1.340.77 32.96.00 722.50 4.019.30 1.246.52 275.00 1.521.52
QUITMAN BELEN BLUE LAKE CROWDER DARLING	1,704.02 4.00 38.620.78 43.48 559.57 62	3.26 5.707.28 1.24 82.102.02 0.00 1.179.57 0.00 - 492.40 5.85 17.892.76	PLEASANT VALLEY POPLAR SPRINGS SHIVERS SILOAM SIMPSON ASSN STONEWALL STRONG RIVER WEATHERSBY	3.736.00 877.92 870.24 .00 200.00 495.28 531.82	200.00 4.671.00 785.98 522.15 1.140.00 900.00 2.056.29 475.91	8.407.00 1.663.90 1.392.39 1.140.00 1.100.00 2.551.57 1.007.73	HARMONY HILLCREST INGOMAR JERICHO KEOWNVILLE LIBERTY LOCUST GROYE MACEDONIA MARTIN	2.678.38 6.091.25 5.900.17 4.527.57 403.75 300.00 3.715.00 1.923.70	3+210+47 7+647-75 7+539-14 7+049-39 642-89 175-00 70-21 4+455-60 1+575-92	5.888.85 POL TAZOU CI. 13.739.00 MEBRON 13.439.31 LIVERPOOL 1.046.64 MELROSE 475.00 OAK GROVE 70.21 OGDEN 70.21 OIL CITY 3.499.62 PROVIDENCE	668-35 2-328-00 2-996-35 2-120-72 2-120-72 2-120-72 2-125 3-041-97 2-120 3-041-97 2-120 3-120-120 2-120 3-12
FBC LAMBERT FBC MARKS FBC SLEDGE HOLLYWOOD QUITMAN ASSN W MARKS WALNUT	4.167.40 4.96 8.201.49 9.61 1.198.39 1.16 1.720.72 24 .00 3.152.86 8.73	9.00 9.136.40 5.96 17.817.45 3.03 2.361.42 3.00 1.963.72 .00 2.25 11.885.11 2.00 2.207.78	SMITH BEAVER DAM BETHEL BURNS CENTER HILL CLEAR CREEK	.00 .00 .00 388.11 .00	82.901.83 .00 .00 131.00 .00 .22.00	183.934.70 .00 .00 519.11 .00 106.60	MOSS HILL MT GILEAD MYRILE NEELY MEMORIAL NEW HARMONY NEW HOPE	645.68 .00 5.893.98 .00 451.27 .00 334.40	402.24 402.24 .00 2.294.35 .00 2.129.68 .00 86.00 2.024.91	1.047.92 NOLKY SPRING .00 SATARTIA 8.188.33 SMORT CREK .00 SOUTHS IDE 2.580.95 TINSLEY .00 YAZOO ASSN 420.40	
RANKIN ANDREWS CHAPEL ANTIOCH BAREFOOT SPRINGS BETHEL BRIAR HILL CASTLEWOODS	432-15 1.00 2.706-97 97: 791-62 1.18 3.772-97 1.25 16.052.00 5.67. 3.172.06 2.18	6.15 1.438.30 8.02 3.684.99 4.18 1.975.80 5.87 5.028.84 3.80 21.725.80 0.97 5.353.03	CLEAR SPRINGS CONCORD EASTSIDE RALEIGH FBC MIZE FBC POLKVILLE FBC RALEIGH FBC TAYLORSVILLE FELLOWSHIP	1.377.28 65.20 1.804.36 1.722.00 10.180.74 6.750.00 1.474.98	1.700.00 .00 .898.27 1.693.03 8.360.84 6.985.62 1.932.25	3.077.28 65.20 2.702.63 3.415.03 18.541.58 13.735.62 3.407.23	OAK HILL DAKVIEW OLD OAK GRV PALESTINE PARKS PLEASANT DALE PLEASANT HILL PLEASANT HILL PLEASANT HILL	50.00 553.28 .00 526.21 50.00	.00 .00 602.37 .00 194.22 .00 812.96	60.00 WEDDIEN 150.00 ALVF SPRING 1.155.65 BLUFF SPRING 720.43 CLARKSON 50.00 CROSS ROADS 2.309.40 CUMBERLAND 7.003.39 DUBLE SPRIN	871.27 780.83 1.652.10 380.46 1.841.25 2.221.71 954.54 554.23 1.458.77 1.928.61 1.652.67 3.581.28 65 .00 191.18 191.18
CATO CENTRAL CLEAR BRANCH CLEARY CONCORD COUNTY LINE CROSS ROADS CROSSGATES	120.00 89 690.02 94 7.358.50 4.85 789.80 .45 946.45 1.25 2.986.29 4.31 22.574.26 4.61	0.90 1.240.70 0.41 2.196.86 6.43 7.302.72 1.41 27.185.67	GOODWATER MARMONY MIGH MILL LEAF RIVER LIBERTY LORENA MT CARMEL MT PLEASANT	334-11 782-01 -00 1-461-61 933-03 56-11 250-00 467-47	300.15 566.00 1.359.18 1.364.05 1.156.11 62.50 73.50	634-26 1.348-01 -00 2.820-79 2.297-08 1.212-22 312-50 540-97 1.262-14	TION HILL	2.256.13 320.49 2.235.00 .00 381.30 2.113.00 1.025.51 100.605.77	1.244.00 .00 448.20 4.486.00 .256.36 94.396.89	320.49 EDGEWORTH 3.479.00 FEL EUPORA .00 FELL OWSHIP 829.50 MARMONY 6.599.00 HEBRON 1.281.87 HOME NLINDEN 195.002.66 LOLLARS GROV MANTEE MATHISTON	2.899.98 14.469.14 17.369.12
DAY STAR DRY CREEK E SIDE PELAMATCH EASTMAVEN EASTSIDE PEARL EUREKA FANNIN FBC GRANDON	109-80 13 9-055-05 4-46 00 1-479-06 1-20 77-835-35 36-05	1.67 2.083,34 0.00 972,20 5.58 245,38 3.04 13.518.09 .00 .00 2.679.06 9.84 114.495.19	MT ZION NEW HOME NEW SARDIS OAK GROVE PLEASANT HILL ROCKY HILL SALEH	200.00 1.555.39 792.85 2.556.25 270.05 69.71 128.58 779.00	1.178.05 628.42 2.642.13 .00 35.00 .00	2.733.44 1.421.27 5.198.38 .00 305.05 69.71 128.58 2.566.99	CALVARY CENTERVILLE CRYSTAL SPRINGS DINAN ENON KNOXO LEXIE	690.04 896.32 4.255.42 1.049.60 5.366.59 737.44 3.815.66	259*25 662*33 4*350*00 1*825*00 5*411*15 1*597*81 3*346*34	949-29 MONTEVISTA 1-578-65 MT VERNON 8-605-42 MT ZION 2-874-60 NEW MOPE 10-777-74 PHILADELPHIA 2-335-25 PILGRIMS RES 7-162-00 REEDS CMAPEL	117.07 150.00 267.07 .00 227.00 227.00 237.94 240.93 478.87 400.00 6.533.00 6.933.00 327.23 339.00 666.23 1 1279.32 1.444.00 2.723.32 30.00 30.00 60.00
PBC FLORENCE PBC FLOWDOD FBC PEARL PBC RICHLAND GALILEE GRANDVIEW HICKORY RIDGE JOHNS LAKE HARBOD	17.929.85 8.82 11.873.14 2.52 114.23 27 3.812.60 2.94 1.284.00 68 1.645.83 1.42	9.06 10.181.28 7.83 26.757.68 0.36 14.393.50 2.62 386.85	SARD I S SHARON SMITH ASSN SYLVARENA TED UNION WALNUT GROVE WHITE DAK	779.00 200.00 .00 .00 6.696.81 108.00 5.689.33	1.243.20 .00 .00 .15.471.52 .325.00 3.141.65 .00	1.443.20 .00 .00 22.168.33 .433.00 8.830.98	MESES CHEEK MESA NEW ZION SALEM TYLERTOWN UNION WALTHALL ASSN	1.654.35 1.908.43 4.000.00 3.822.44 16.508.27 3.021.82 47.726.38	1.506.41 1.217.89 1.866.80 3.279.79 14.207.30 1.251.34 .00	3-160-76 SAPA 3-126-32 TOMNOLEN 5-866-80 UNION 7-102-23 WALTHALL 30-715-57 WEBSTER ASSN 4-273-16 WEST SHADY 6 86-527-79 UNAFFILIATED	ROVE 884.24 603.96 1.488.20 40.169.72 61.131.59 101.301.31
LAKE HARBOR LEESBURG LIBERTY MCLAURIN HEIGHTS MEADOW GROVE HOUNTAIN CREEK MT PISGAH MT ZION OAKDALE	3.739.69 1.41 900.00 1.00 19.960.30 7.80 7.784.46 4.51 2.489.78 1.62 3.202.77 2.42 2.559.00 2.05	5.95 5.155.64 6.00 1.946.00 0.17 27.760.47 1.10 12.295.56 2.28 4.112.06 0.71 5.623.48	SUNFLOWER BETHANY BETHEL BLAINE	746.60 512-12 50.384.24 486.89 66.21 100.00	870.00 59.851.35 892.58 28.37 55.00	746.60 1.382.12 110.235.59	WARREN BOYINA BOWMAR AVE CALVARY FBC VICKSBURG GOODRUM MEM	6.025.61 35.377.01 6.147.45 63.271.83 2.862.67 4.130.43 12.557.56	797.94 14.047.55 2.244.81 33.385.64 1.428.17 1.075.03 3.473.50	ANTIOCH 400 6-823-55 BETMEL 420 49-424-56 CHR FEL*SHP 8-392-26 FAITH HAVEN 96-657-47 GORDON AVE 4-290-84 LIZZARD RD	760 681.09 .00 681.09 760 .00 .00 681.09 760 .00 .00 .00 985 .00 .00 .00 440 .00 .00 .00
PAUL TRUITT MEM PEARSON ROAD PELAMATCHIE PINE CREST PINELAKE PROVIDENCE PUCKETT RANKIN ASSN	11.943.00 3.53 12.120.29 5.69 12.185.15 1.81 316.80 19 12.452.90 7.75 900.81 1.08 3.600.00 3.34	15.45 15.478.45 3.68 18.013.97 6.00 14.001.15 4.78 511.50 0.37 20.203.27 15.03 1.985.84 1.66 6.941.66 .00 .00	DOCKERY DREW EASTWOOD FAIRVIEW FBC INDIANOLA FBC INVERNESS LINN MOORHEAD	75.00 4.572.78 4.044.24 3.217.00 16.488.04 2.700.00 1.556.01 1.200.00	4.301.00 4.052.90 1.175.00 14.020.35 7.763.05 1.106.83 2.636.82	8.097.14 4.392.00 30.508.35 10.463.05 2.662.84 3.836.82	IMMANUEL NORTHSIDE RIDGEWAY TRINITY WARREN ASSN WAYSIDE WOODLAWN	19-221-99 4-321-00 1-285-00 11-787-68 -00 3-696-00 32-960-93 193-645-18	3.758.26 984.41 500.00 2.509.31 .00 1.602.00 6.468.51 72.275.13	12.980.25 MT OLIVE 58 5.305.41 OCUBLA 583 4.785.00 TEMPLE 985 14.296.99 TOOO 675 14.296.99 TOO 675 5.298.00 39.4294	3 - 00 -00 -00 -00 -00 -00 -00 -00 -00 -
REMOBETH RÖBINHOOD ROCK BLUFF ROCK HILL STAR SUNSHINE TABERNACLE	924.50 1.13 610.50 55 1.652.30 1.12	9.12 3.626.00 10.26 2.054.76 15.01 1.165.51 16.40 2.778.70 17.15 13.569.56	ROME ROUNDAWAY RULEVILLE SEC INDIANOLA SUNFLOWER SUNFLOWER W DREW	400.00 2.732.07 9.315.32 1.982.38 1.304.18 .00 224.46 50.464.58	915.00 703.81 7.196.67 1.965.95 1.345.00 204.00 48.362.33	3.435.86 16.511.95 3.948.3 2.649.16 .00 428.46 98.826.91	WASHINGTON ALEXANDER MEM ARCOLA BOGUE CALVARY	1.818.59 416.24 45.45 6.340.10	1.308.06 571.71 136.35 5.540.38	3.126-65 987-95 13.880-48	7.997.551.32 6.362.332.67

A Trouble Tree

A very wise businessman we know has what he calls his "Trouble Tree."

It is located about a block away from his house, where he has to pass it every evening on his way home.

"When I reach that tall poplar in the evening," he explains, "I leave the day." And I throw back my shoul
"I let them hang on the branches if they want to," I say to myself, 'I'm through with them for the day." And I throw back my shoul
"But no morning with a grouch.

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"But no more! I hang them on the used to take my troubles home to my wife, and often they would stay with me all night, and I'd get up the next morning."—Cheer

Carter reveals private talks for missionaries

By Clay Brown

FORT WORTH, Texas (BR)-Former President Jimmy Carter revealed for the first time June 18 details of his private negotiations (1979-78) with Chinese leader Deng Ziaoping for the return of Western missionaries to the mainland and other religious liberties in China.

Carter appearing on the television program, "Life Today," on the American Christian Television System (ACTS) said the negotiations were part of the long process of normalizing relations with the People's Republic which took "two solid years" of effort to achieve.

Because of the need for secrecy in the talks, "We didn't even let the State Department handle any of the dispatches," Carter said, so "the negotiations, in effect, were between me and the vice premier." It was during this one-on-one dialogue Carter was able to express his concern for religious liberty in China.

"The first evening I spent with Deng Xiaoping," Carter said. "I told him there were three things I wanted him to do. One was to permit Western Christian missionaries to go back into China, the second was to permit the distribution of Bibles, and the third was to permit religious

Deng's answer, according to Carter was immediate. "Without hesitation he said, 'I'll do two of them,' " Carter said. Deng would do his best to allow absolute freedom of religion in China and the distribution of Bibles, but he could not allow missionaries to return because "it puts a connotation of domination by Westerners on Chinese," Carter said.

Carter said he believes the promises by Deng are being kept so far. When I went to visit some of the Protestant churches in August 1981, they said they had no interference at all with their religious services," he said.

When the Chinese Christians experienced some difficulty in obtaining the proper paper for printing Bibles, Carter said they "contacted Deng indirectly" and obtained the necessary materials.

Carter was cautiously optimistic about the future of the new religious freedom in China. "I don't think anyone would dispute the fact that there's been a burgeoning of Christian evangelism and faith in China," Carter said. However, he added "no one can predict what the Chinese Communists will do, whether Deng's policies will prevail, but I assume this promise to me will be honored at least as long as he is in charge."

"Life Today" is a one-hour talk show aired daily at 9 p.m. (EDT) on ACTS, a network of family Christian entertainment sent by satellite to cable TV systems and TV stations nationwide. The Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission operates the network.

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Elder wants employees biblically conservative

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)— does not mean I have taken a political Sunday School Board President Lloyd Elder urged employees to adhere to the institution's 93-year heritage of maintaining a biblically conservative stance and staying in touch with Southern Baptist people during a recent chapel address.

Elder made his comments to employees and eight new trustees attending orientation sessions, describing his personal deepening impressions of the denomination after the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

"If we stand as biblical conservatives we're standing right in the middie of where we've been since 1845 formed.)" Elder emphasized. "There is a new rise of those of us who are biblical conservatives to reassert ourselves as mainstream grass-roots Southern Baptists."

Elder said he will not describe himself as a moderate (a label sometimes attached to persons described as denominational loyalists). "I'm zealous about the conservative position," which he said includes belief in the authority of Scripture, the virgin birth, atoning death, and visible return of Christ.

However, he emphasized, "That day School Board.)

stand. It just means that Southern Baptists are biblically conservative and I don't want a small group to claim that as a political wedge in Southern Baptist life." He told employees, "Don't let anything ever drive a wedge between you and the churches. We can make a difference if we stay in touch with Southern Baptist people and churches. There should be no cause for suspicion to be linked unapologetically to the de-

'We (Sunday School Board) will not be conquered or controlled by any faction of the convention. We are going to stay out of the political bat-(the year the convention was tles of Southern Baptists," Elder said. "But we are going to speak up for the denomination and the board."

"The Sunday School Board is owned and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention and we will serve the whole convention to the best of our ability. Together we are a family doing the work of God," said Elder.

"We are grass-roots Southern Baptists. We are in step with our churches. We want to be in their

(Linda Lawson writes for the Sun-

Faculty, student hostility cited for Martin resignation

Martin Jr., president of Virginia Intermont College since Sept. 1, 1983, has resigned and accepted a position at an undisclosed college.

The resignation, effective July 31, was tendered to a meeting of trustees on Friday, June 22. Martin said board President Hal S. Stubbs of Bristol asked him to keep it (the resignation) under wraps" until a board meeting on Thursday, June 28, but within hours it was announced on a Bristol radio station.

In a telephone interview with the Virginia Religious Herald, Martin cited pressures on his family resulting from conflict between himself and some faculty and students as the immediate reason for the resigna-

MC announces music workshop

A church music workshop will be held in Aven Fine Arts Building on the Mississippi College campus at Clinton on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 9-10. Local musicians are invited to participate.

Emphasizing skills and repertoire for the choral director, accompanist, and church soloist, the workshop is geared to the needs of those serving in smaller churches and is especially suitable for those whose formal musical training is limited.

Among the subjects to be covered by the workshop sessions are: choral conducting techniques, vocal technique and repertoire, choral repertoire for the smaller choir, service playing (both organ and piano), the use of instruments in worship, and ways of improving congrega-

The workshop will be directed by James Glass, co-ordinator of the church music program at Mississippi College, and will feature John Hanbery, director of bands; Richard Joiner, professor of voice; Jack Lyall, professor of music; Billy Trotter, professor of organ; and Frank Stovall, professor of music and chairman of the Department of Music, all at Mississippi College.

Registration fee for the two-day workshop will be \$10. For further information call 924-5131, Ext. 230, or write the Mississippi College Music Department, Box 4206, Clinton, MS

Erect K'ekchi' study center

LAS CASAS, Guatemala-Southern Baptists and K'ekchi' Baptists pooled financial and physical resources to build a structure where the K'ekchi' Baptist church in Las Casas will meet and K'ekchi' Baptists in northern Guatemala will use as a study center. Of special help were construction teams from First Baptist Church, Duncan, Okla., and Southside Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala. More than 70 K'ekchi' leaders attended the first training session.

BRISTOL, Va. (BP)-James E. tion. "It was sort of hasty," he said. college, the community, and the ternative was to take the family tion.

came down hard on consumption of the president's home is on campus.

The contest of wills became public toll on the children. early last December when Martin an art exhibit, because the art was in year.' an area through which persons would pass on their way to a service of dedi-great (for Virginia Intermont)," and cation for a renovated theater in the added, "I loved my job and I love the Fine Arts Building.

from the exhibit, and faculty mem- gether." bers presented Martin an ultimatum demanding that he promise not to they will rally around the new pre iever again impose "censorship."

Martin refused the faculty demand and told the Herald, "I appreciate president of this college. If an action budget for 1984-85. or activity of this college is offensive, I am ultimately responsible to the the Religious Herald.)

"We have a situation where the al- church with whom we have affilia-

In the aftermath of the fall events, Martin has been at odds with fa- Martin said the family has endured culty members and students since severe stress. The Martins have early in his administration when he three children, ages 11, 9, and 8 and alcoholic beverages and curtailed There have been public demonstravisitation between sexes in college tions against the president and other forms of harassment which took their

"It became obvious," said Martin, ordered the temporary removal of "that the hostility from faculty and two charcoal sketches of nudes from students was going to continue next

Martin said, "The potential is work, but if we were to be successful In protest, students removed all art we were going to have to pull to-

"The foundation is here, and I ho e dent," said Martin. "I regret ver /, very much we are leaving.

Martin reported he has submitted art. I am not an art expert. But I am to the board of trustees a balanced

(Tom Miller is associate editor of

Hughey missions career spanned four decades

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)—John She remained in America while he David Hughey, 70, retired director of did relief work in the Middle East



diagnosed as hav- 1960-64. ing cancer of the pancreas. During

Church, Richmond, where he and his sionaries in 19 countries. wife were members.

Hughey's illness was first diagnosed in Switzerland as he and Mrs. Hughey made a final visit to the area, but he returned to Richmond for

Unwilling to forego writing projects ne had planned for his retirement years, he completed "Baptist Partnership in Europe," an updated version of one of his earlier books on work with European Baptists, and another book on the successful struggle for religious freedom in Spain which is being published in Spanish. In recent months he had been writing a series of articles for The Commission, the Foreign Mission Board magazine, based on the book on Spain.

His career in foreign missions spanned 38 years. He and his wife, the former Evelyn Wells of Sumter, S.C., were appointed missionaries in 1943.

Southern Baptist foreign mission with the United Nations Relief and work in Europe Rehabilitation Administration in and the Middle 1944-45. They were Southern Baptist Eas, died July 8 in representatives to Spain from 1947hospital in 51. He became a professor at the in-Richmond, Va., ternational Baptist Theological two and a half Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, years after he was in 1952, and was its president from

In 1964, Hughey came to Richmond to direct the Foreign Mission Board's that work in Europe, the Middle East and time he completed South Asia. As the work grew, South two books and continued to be active Asia was assigned to another region. until recent months as a Sunday Before his retirement Dec. 31, 1981, School teacher at First Baptist Hughey was responsible for 320 mis-



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Thursday, July 19, 1984

Jones group visits Pippa Passes, Ky.

By John F. Sumner Jr.

Twelve of us have just returned from our mission trip to Pippa Passes, Ky. This trip was the best we have ever had. It was in the coal mining area. We conducted a 15 minute radio program daily, held mission VBS with an enrollment of 148, revival service each night, painted a new church, cleaned up from a flood that came the week before. We also moved the library from the church to the multi-purpose building about a mile away. We ran and installed water lines.

The greatest thing was 21 young boys and girls were saved. Our students shared the love of Jesus and they responded.

Much prayer and preparation had gone into this trip. We worked with Lawrence Baldridge, one of our home missionaries in Kentucky.

(Sumner is Baptist Student Union director at Jones Junior College.)



The multi-purpose building (100 x 40) had to be cleaned before we could hold the six classes in mission VBS. The pool table was used to get some of the older children to coming early, play a while and then stay for VBS. This is class of the smaller children.

The students conquered their fear of height by painting the outside of a newly constructed church. The congregation had also made all of the furniture that was in the

Senate informed of Baptist

By David Wilkinson

Baptists' concern about the dangers of cigarette smoking and other tobacco use has been communicated to members of the United States Senate.

A copy of a strongly-worded resolution approved by messengers to the recent Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City, Mo., was sent to the legislators by Foy Valentine, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission.

The convention's action is "especially timely," Valentine said, since the Senate now is considering several legislative proposals related to the use of tobacco.

At the head of the list is the Comprehensive Smoking Education Act which would replace general health warnings now printed on cigarette packs with a rotating series of more specific and informative warnings.

The legislation, now before both houses of Congress, also calls for stepping up educational programs on the dangers of smoking and would require tobacco companies to dis-

We never can prove the delights of God's love until all on the altar we lay.-J. H. Sammis.

WASHINGTON (BP)-Southern close the chemicals they add to their products. Another piece of legislation still

pending would preserve the authority to require "no smoking" sections on commercial airplanes. That authority is now under the Civil Aeronautics Board which will go out of existence later this year. The bill has been opposed by the Reagan ad-Filipinos learn ministration in favor of federal deregulation.

The wide-ranging resolution adopted by the SBC not only expressed opposition to the use of tobacco in any form, but also objected to the growing of tobacco and to any public subsidizing of the tobacco industry.

Valentine noted in a cover letter that messengers to the convention do not speak for the denomination's 36,500 churches. Yet "the strength of this statement and the near unanimity of the vote," he added, "give evidence of extremely strong feelings" on the issue.

(David Wilkinson writes for the Christian Life Commission.)

concern about tobacco use

Temple honors Lucenay on fifth anniversary

Temple Church of Hattiesburg re- community, including a highly succently honored its pastor, Harry L. Lucenay, for five years of "outstanding spiritual leadership," during

nounced Fred Broome, chairman of deacons, the church will sponsor Lucenay and his wife, Nancy, on a 15-day tour of Europe in August. Lucenay became pastor of Temple Baptist Church on June 25, 1979, coming from a Baptist church in Waco, Tex.

In a presentation on Sunday, July 1, Gary Rush, vice chairman of the Pastor Search Committee when Lucenay accepted the call to Temple, cited a number of growth statistics.

Under Lucenay's ministry, resident membership has increased 25 percent; average Sunday School attendance has increased 25 percent; morning worship attendance has increased 33 percent; there have been approximately 230 baptisms; and giving has almost doubled.

The church has acquired more than \$400,000 in surrounding property, and a major project is underway to expand educational and music facilities. The church has become more involved in outreach to the

Central Hills camps have dates

One Dad and Lad Weekend and one week of Royal Ambassador camp remain unfilled, according to Jim Didlake, Royal Ambassador consultant in the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department.

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The unfilled date for the Dad and Lad weekend is July 27-28. The open Royal Ambassador camp is Aug. 6 to 10. Both programs take place at Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko.

cessful "Sharing Love With Hattiesburg" program.

During 1983, Baptists in the South

American country of Paraguay

launched a five-year plan to start 65

new churches, enlist 100 full-time pas-

tors, involve 80 percent of church

members in local church ministries

and win 7,000 persons to Christ.

Lucenay received a B.A. degree which the church has grown in many from Baylor University, master of divinity from Southwestern Semi-As a fifth anniversary gift, an- nary, and doctor of ministry from New Orleans Seminary.



HARRY L. LUCENAY (right), pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, is congratulated by Gary Rush in a ceremony July 1 honoring Lucenay for his fifth anniversary as pastor. Rush was instrumental in bringing Lucenay to Temple from Waco, Tex. Center is Lucenay's wife, Nancy.

Missionary C

and return to the field (address: Box 832, Bangkok, Thailand). He is associate to the area director for South d Southeast Asia. He was born in Tupelo, Miss., and grew up in Clinton. The former Bobbye Simmons, she was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Lincoln County, Miss.

Paul and Brenda Lee, missionaries to Spain, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 207 S. Washington St., Starkville, Miss. 39759). They are natives of Missis-

Jerry and Dorothy Hubbard, missionaries to Zambia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Baptist Seminary, P.O. Box 8019, Lusaka, Zambia): He was. Florida.

Jerry and Bobbye Rankin, mis-born in Caruthersville, Mo., and lived sionaries, have completed furlough in Mississippi. She is from Fort

> Samuel and Ginny Cannata, missionaries to the Sudan, are in Kenya and may be addressed at P.O. Box 32, Limuru, Kenya. He is a native of Houston, Texas, and she is the former Virginia (Ginny) Currey of

David and Mary Lynn Southerland, missionaries to Belgium, have completed language study in France and arrived on their field of service (address: 25 rue Thomas Edison, 4330 Grace Hollogne, Belgium). She was born in DeKalb and considers Macon her hometown. He is from

Hospital ministry praised in Israel

HAIFA, Israel-An Arab Baptist pastor in Haifa, Israel, has been recognized for his "contribution towards peace" in the Middle East.

Ibrahim Sim'an, who since 1976 has had a hospital ministry to Arab patients and their families, mostly from Lebanon, received a written commendation from Zvi Ben-Ishai, deputy director of Rambam Medical Center.

"We appreciate the fact that your services (food, room and board, transportation and counseling) were offered to those who needed them regardless of religious affiliation," the letter read.

Because of contacts Sim'an and others involved in the hospital ministry have made, several people have become Christians.

Sim'an also is pastor of the Baptist church in Haifa and is the registrar and a lecturer in the Christian Service Training Center there.

Central, Little Yazoo, travels to Pinckney

Traveling to Pinckney, Mich. were five members of Central Baptist Church of Little Yazoo, Miss. These five people conducted Vacation Bible School each morning at First Baptist Church there. They were assisted by several members of the Pinckney Church. The average attendance was

This church is only four years old and has had only two mission Vacation Bible Schools, but the Central group feels that the members of First Church will be able to conduct their own in the future.

Each evening revival services were conducted by Riley Ainsworth, evangelist, and pastor at Central; Glendora Sherman, pianist; and Twilla Cheatham, song director. One profession of faith was made with many people making rededications. Forrest Stevenson is pastor at First Church, Pinckney.

Others making the trips were: Mrs. Riley Ainsworth and Cherie

Stevenson will be leading revival services at Central Church, July 29 -August 3 with Lavell Pruitt leading the singing. Services will begin each evening at 7.

health treatments

MATI, Philippines-Mati Baptist Hospital's Nutrition Center trained Filipino women for two weeks in simple health treatments, teaching them how to treat common ailments without medicines. Preventing death by dehydration, which occurs frequently in children under 5 years old when they have diarrhea, was a major aim. The women learned a pinch of salt and a Coke cap full of sugar mixed into a cup of clean water and given to a child can prevent death. Participants were church leaders who will be available in their barrios to teach what they learned as a form of church outreach.





Just for the Record-

Robert A. Hickey was licensed to the ministry by Clarksdale Church on July 8. Hickey is public affairs officer with the Mississippi Highway Patrol and works as the Chaplain for Troop E of the Batesville Highway Patrol and as safety chaplain for the Mississippi Farm Bureau.

Gene Dinwiddie, associational Church Training director for Jackson County Baptist Association, was recently chosen by the Church Training Department in Jackson, to receive the "Director-of-the-Year" award.

Dinwiddie, who is an insurance executive, spends much of his spare time working at promoting Church Training in the churches of Jackson Association. Listed among his most noteworthy achievements in this position include personally enlisting 18 churches to participate in a major growth project conducted in part by the Mississippi Church Training Department in February. He also planned and directed the largest "M" Night attended program in Mississippi last November.

Prior years winners include William Earl Taylor of Clay Association, Gerald Hegwood of Jackson Association, Judy Warden Lantrip of Grenada Association, A. B. Godfrey of Pontotoc Association, Sarah Golding of Lee Association; and Ken McMillen of Lafayette Association.



David Lee (right) Church Training area representative, Jackson Association, presenting "Director-of-Year" award to Gene Dinwiddie, associational Church Training director.

Central Church, Brandon, will have Vacation Bible School July 30-Aug. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. Family Night Commencement will be held Sunday night, Aug. 5, at 6 p.m. Classes will be for infants through adults. Bus transportation will be provided. Sunday night's commencement will be topped off with a carnival for those attending VBS. The carnival will include rides, spacewalk, balloons, food, fun, and surprises. There will be a special surprise guest present during the week, states Dianne Phillips. For more information, contact her at 825-2147

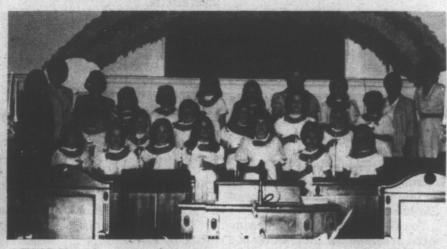
-Revival Results

Ebenezer Church, Bassfield: July 1-4; Jimmy McFatter, pastor; Danny Berry, pastor of Bethany Church, Prentiss, evangelist; Cherie Coggin, minister of music, Cold Springs Church, Collins, music director; five professions of faith; four additions by letter; special Fourth of July dinner on the grounds.



artment in February. He also planed and directed the largest "M"
light attended program in Missisippi last November.

Prior years winners include Wil
Outreach leader and hotel apartment manager, Mrs. Steve Rosamond.



FIRST CHURCH, CORINTH, recently held a GA recognition service which had as its theme, "My Promise to God." Girls in Action honored during the service included (from left, front row): Ginger Counce, Vicki Watson, Brooke Timmons, Meredith Hussey, Nicole Teuber, Meredith Miskelly, Courtney Rogers; (second row) Whitney Bullard, Angel Rutledge, Jessica Gilliland, Jennifer Hussey, Amy Beth Dudley, Emily Wcod; (third row) Susan Prather, Sarah Smith, Kristen Boucher, Melissa Gilliland, Sonya Boucher, and Joy Reeves. Leaders are (from left) Mrs. Becky Garvin, Mrs. Barbara Prather, Mrs. Joy Whitehead (GA director), Mrs. Teresa Smillie, and Mrs. Teresa Timmons.



Peggy Cameron was elected Baptist Student Union president at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. She is a senior radiography student. She is pictured (center) with Lu Harding, left, assistant administrator, and Kathy Bearden, director of student activities for MBCB's four health-related schools—radiography, medical technology, practical nursing, and respiratory therapy. Plans include having Jimmy McGuire, pastor, Lakeside Presbyterian Church, Brandon, to speak at Rice Acres, Sept. 10; Keith Tonkel, pastor, Wells Methodist Church, to speak Religious Emphasis Week, Oct. 15; and Sarah Taylor, wife of Howard Taylor, pastor, Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, to sing during Religious Emphasis Week.

Revival Dates

Antioch (Rankin): July 22: homecoming; Vic and Martha Bowman, speaking; service 11 a.m.; lunch on ground; revival Sunday night 7 p.m.; revival services, July 23-27; at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Emerson Tedder, evangelist; Joe McGraw, music director; Martin Williams, pastor.

Braxton Church: July 22-27; at 7:30 p.m. Mon.- Fri.; C. H. Stone of Bellefountain, Ocean Springs; evangelist; "Pop" Stone of Gulfport, music leader; Charles Guy, pastor, regular services on Sun.

Oak Grove, Shubuta: July 22-27; at 7p.m.; Larry Ballard of Waynesboro, evangelist; Bobby Walker, pastor.

Pelahatchie Church, Pelahatchie: July 27, 28, 29; lay renewal weekend; Barry Corbett, pastor.

Easthaven, Brookhaven: July 22-27; Sun. at 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7 p.m.; Charles Melton, director of missions for Newton Association and professor of religious education at Clarke College, evangelist; Donald Brown, minister of music, youth, and education at First, Hazlehurst, music director; David Perry, pastor.

First Church, Crystal Springs: July 29-Aug. 1; Carl Bates, graduate of Mississippi College and a resident of North Carolina, preaching (Bates, who was pastor of First Church, Charlotte, N.C. for 21 years and who served as SBC president, is now senior professor of preaching at Southern Semi-nary, Louisville, Ky.); Gary Anglin, minister of music at Alta Woods Church, Jackson, guest musician (he is tenor soloist with the Mississippi Opera Association and is one of the Singing Churchmen of Mississippi); services Sun. at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon luncheon service, concluding at 1 p.m., and evening services at 7:30; Joel E. Haire, pastor; James Beasley, minister of music.

Bassfield Church: July 22-27; services at 7:30 p.m.; Roy McHenry, evangelist; Keith Bennett, music evangelist.

Summerland Church, Taylors-ville: July 29-Aug. 3; services at 7 p.m. Sun. and at 7:30p.m. Mon.-Fri.; evangelist, Roy Clark, pastor at Lake Harbor, Brandon; music leader, Dwayne Chapman, minister of music at Summerland; pastor, J. Steven Mooneyham.

Courtland (Panola): July 22-27; evangelist, Lee Hudson, pastor of Deer Creek Church, Rolling Fork; music director, Larry Brooks; pastor, Billy J. McDaniel; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.

Hickory Church, Hickory: July 29-Aug. 3; Ron Kirkland of Clarke College, Newton, evangelist; Buddy McElroy, minister of music, State Boulevard Church, Meridian, leading the music; M. Wayne Griffith, pastor.

Red Lick Church, Lorman: July 27-29; Marlon Seaney, pastor, evangelist; Paul Southerland, minister of music, leading the music.

Pleasant Home Church, Highway 15 North, Laurel: July 22-27; Danny Henderson, pastor. featured speaker; Lynn Evans, minister of youth and music, in charge of music; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with dinner-on-the-ground after the morning service.

Bethany (Jeff Davis): July 22-27; Sonny Adkins, evangelist; C. Samson, music evangelist; regular services on Sunday; nightly at 7:30; Danny Berry, pastor.

Cary Church, Cary: Aug. 5-10; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Bob Wilcutt. evangelist; Jim Edison, Walthall, music director; A. R. Garrison, pastor.

Harmony Church, Crystal Springs: Aug. 5-10; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6:45 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Gary Bowlin, full time evangelist from Brandon, preaching; Richard Sullivan, minister of music, Flowood Church, leading in song; covered dish dinner for all, after Sunday morning service; Mike Pennock, pastor.

Farmhaven Church (Madison):
July 29-Aug. 1; services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on July 29; at 7 p.m. during week; Clifton Perkins, director, church-minister relations, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Robert Nations, directing the music; Grant McElveen, pastor.

New Providence, Hazlehurst: July 22-27; services beginning Sun. at 11 a.m. with dinner on the ground afterward; weekday at 7:30 p.m.; Wilbur Webb, evangelist; Dexter Ware, pastor.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED AT MHBC

Preschool director position is now open at Morrison Heights Baptist Church, 201 Morrison Drive, Clinton, MS 39056. A master's or seminary degree with early childhood emphasis is required. Applications are available at the church office or by mail. Dr. Kermit McGregor is pastor.



"Repudiate anti-Jewish sentiments"

SBC presidents sign protest document

rakhan's anti-Semitic attacks on Israel have drawn fire from a group of prominent Southern Baptistsincluding the newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention and three of his predecessors.

In turn, part of their statement has drawn response from the convention's Foreign Mission Board because of possible danger to SBC mission work in Arab countries.

In a July 3 press conference at First Baptist Church, Dallas, SBC President Charles Stanley denounced Nation of Islam leader Farrakhan for his attacks on Israel and the Jewish people and his anti-Semitic rhetoric.

Farrakhan, has gained national at- curse Israel. tention for his support of presidential candidate Jesse Jackson. Jackson recently disassociated himself from Farrakhan's positions.

Jewish sentiments and find them abhorrent and despicable to both Christian and American sensibilities," Stanley read from a prepared statement.

"As Bible-believing Christian Americans, we reaffirm our absolute commitment to the welfare and security of the state of Israel and urge all Americans to demonstrate their solidarity with Israel, our sole and trusted democratic ally in the Middle East, and urge prayer for the peace of Jerusalem," he continued.

The statement also quoted Genesis of God's promise to bless those who bless Israel and curse those who

James T. Draper Jr., immediate past president of the 14.1 million tist missionaries serve.' member SBC, was listed as a signer

By Jerilynn Armstrong and Craig Bird DALLAS (BP)—Louis Far- tists utterly repudiate such anti- they were not speaking for all South- their lives endangered by any state- organization that promotes good will ern Baptists, but only for themselves, ment that would seek to identify the since the structure of the convention

does not allow "official positions"

and each Southern Baptist speaks for himself or herself.

nees and the possibility Arab nations into the political debate of their counmight misunderstand the statement tries and do not assume positions to be political prompted the 84- over against one another. Their mesmember board of trustees of the sage is one of reconciliation and this Foreign Mission Board, which was should be the stand of those who have meeting in Ridgecrest, N.C., to re-

Bill O'Brien, executive vice president of the FMB, said board mem- spoke to both Stanley and Draper by 12:3 which give the biblical account bers also oppose the slandering of any religious group, but would never seek to place one country in a preferential place, "thereby alienating other countries where Southern Bap-

of the statement which was read to board emphasized that "mis-"Let it be known that we (the sig- him over the phone. He told Baptist sionaries' work is undermined, ners of the statement) Southern Bap- Press he had reminded the group their position is compromised and

denomination, which has sent them, with one particular country."

"Our missionaries work with all Semitic people and they stress God's But the prominence of the nine sig- love for all people. They do not enter sent them to these various countries," the statement concluded.

Board president, R. Keith Parks phone after he learned of their statement, telling them of possible repercussions in the non-Jewish countries of the Middle East. When the SBC met in New Orleans in 1982, a resolution was introduced which im-The statement adopted by the plied political support of Israel but Parks argued successfully the resolutions should be tabled because of the damage it could do to SBC mis-

> Joining Stanley at the Dallas press conference were Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein, founder of the Holy Land Fellowship of Christians and Jews (an

between evangelicals and Jews) and Russell Kaemmerling, editor of the Southern Baptist Advocate, an independent publication with no official connections with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Not present, but listed as signers, were: Draper, Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla. and president of the SBC 1980-82; W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and president of the SBC 1969-71; Zig Ziglar, layman from FBC Dallas and current first vice president of the

Paul Pressler, a layman member of First Baptist Church, Houston and a member of the SBC Executive Committee; Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas; and Ed McAteer, a layman from Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn. and director of The Roundtable (along with Stanley), a "religious right" political organization.

(Jerilynn Armstrong writes for Texas Baptists; Craig Bird is Baptist Press feature editor.)

FMB sounds alarm about Israel statement; moves toward Canada

By Irma Duke

RIDGECREST, N. C. (BP)-The Foreign Mission Board took a strong stand against a statement made by some Southern Baptist leaders appearing to give preferential treatment to Israel and moved closer to providing help in evangelizing Canada in its meeting at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center July 2-8.

The 84-member Foreign Mission Board said it, too, opposed any statement, such as Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, which slanders any religious group. But, at the same time, members sounded dismay at the statement made by newly elected Southern Baptist Convention President Charles Stanley and eight others which pledged solidarity with the state of Israel.

The board said such a statement alienates Arab countries and came out with a statement of its own to that effect after a second day of discussion on the issue. At the board's suggestion, board President R. Keith Parks called Stanley to urge him to come to the meeting for the discussion but Stanley said he could not. As SBC president, Stanley is an ex officio member of the board.

The statement adopted by the Foreign Mission Board emphasized what was termed as the danger to missionaries and their work posed by what would be seen as a preferential stance toward Israel and said Southern Baptist missionaries "work with all Semitic people and they stress God's love for all people. They do not enter into the political debate of their countries and do not assume positions over against one another. Their

In a phone call from the Middle East, area administrator Isam Ballenger said there have been newspaper articles in recent days in both the Israeli and Arab press claiming an alliance between conservative religious groups in America and extreme elements in Israel. Southern Baptists have been named in these articles, he said. After similar articles have appeared in the past, some missionaries have been expelled from countries with no apparent

Parks said the problems with such statements have nothing to do with theology or eschatology, although he affirmed the importance of a strong biblical theology. "That's not our agenda. We are caught up in missions." He said it becomes the Foreign Mission Board's business when such statements affect mission work and warned against the convention getting sidetracked from missions, "its central thrust."

An amendment was made to strike paragraphs of the board's statement that referred to Stanley's statement but was defeated. The board adopted its recommendation with two absten-

Meanwhile, the board's Middle America and the Caribbean Committee discussed a recommendation to establish a fraternal relationship between the Foreign Mission Board and Baptists in Canada. As proposed, this would become part of the adminstrative responsibility of the board's area office for Middle America and the

message is one of reconcilia- Caribbean, area director Don Kammerdiener and William Graves, associate director for the Northwest Caribbean.

The committee hopes to recommend in September the transfer of a couple now assigned elsewhere to become the board's first fraternal representatives to Baptists in Canada.

The action would follow the board's pattern of assigning fraternal representatives to assist established Baptist bodies in New Zealand and Australia without counting either country as a foreign mission field.

According to Southern Baptist Convention action in June, a committee chaired by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is to coordinate Southern Baptist ministries in Canada. The Foreign Mission Board's representatives on this committee will be Parks and, if the committee's proposal is followed, Kammerdiener. Parks described the area committee's recommendation as part of the "effort to mesh, coordinate and balance Southern Baptist response to Canada."

The board's meeting at Ridgecrest was held in conjunction with Foreign Missions Week there. Ninety-five decisions, including 65 for career missions service, were made among the 1,600 in attendance.

Thirty-seven new missionaries were appointed during the week, including 13 general evangelists, the greatest personnel need overseas, and the new president of the international Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland.

(Irma Duke writes for the Foreign Mission Board.)

Devotional

Costly commitment

By Jack Price, pastor, Holly Church, Alcorn

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" (II

Paul, the elderly apostle, is challenging the young preacher, Timothy, to have a strong commitment to Christ Jesus. Paul knew how costly commitment could be. After all, he had been whipped, stoned, chased out of town, and

even imprisoned. When Christians are truly committed to Christ, their path is never an easy one. If we are not careful, the obstacles we face can overwhelm and defeat us.

In II Tim. 2:3-6, we discover three analogies which can strengthen our commitment to the Lord. First, be a good soldier of Jesus Christ. A soldier endures many hardships for the protection of his country. Often he is called upon to be away from the family for great lengths of time. Sometimes he is unappreciated by the very people he is committed to defend. He even loses many opportunities for material gain because he is not working in the private

Price sector

To be a good soldier, the person must obey the commanding officer without question. He must be willing to do whatever is asked of him even to the point of giving his life.

Secondly, be as committed as an athlete. He obeys every rule to the letter for the chance of the crown at the end of the game. This summer our country will host the 1984 Summer Olympics. These athletes have trained for years to be contestants in these games. Many of their families have been under a financial burden to pay for their training. They have sacrificed a great deal to arrive at this point in their career. These athletes have watched their diets religiously, trained relentlessly, and tested their bodies to the limit for a chance at the medal. They are committed to the cause and are willing to pay

Thirdly, be as committed as a farmer. A farmer uses great physical strength and spends many long hours in the preparation and planting of his fields. He can easily invest thousands of dollars in his crop. If the weather does not work to his advantage, his investment of time and money can come to naught. Even the best farmer recognizes his dependence upon conditions which he cannot control.

How committed are you to the Lord Jesus? Will you be a good soldier and follow the commands of Jesus regardless of the cost? Will you strive to have the stamina of an athlete? Will you trust him completely as the farmer who prepares, plants, and works his fields depending upon the Heavenly Father for the harvest?



Benton-Tippah men take mission tour to Ohio

Tippah Baptist Association sponsored a mission group to work in Ohio May 20-26. Expenses for the trip were paid by gifts from some of the churches in the association.

The team served a week working at the Seneca Lake Baptist Assembly near Cambridge, Ohio, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The assembly grounds join Seneca Lake Park and overlook Seneca Lake.

The group did such work as carpentry, sheet-rock finishing, painting, and hanging wall paper in the construction of a new two-story dormitory. The men also received many

The Brotherhood of the Benton- spiritual blessings. The devotional period led by the men, Christian Fellowship, share time, meeting other Christians, visiting the Barry's Ridge Baptist Church for prayer meeting on Wednesday night, all were great. Bill Baker was to preach and the other men gave testimonies. Barry's Ridge is the only Southern Baptist church in that county.

> Pictured are Pete Pannell Lebanon; Bill Baker, pastor, West Ripley; Timmy Hurt, Shady Grove; Bonnie Mavney, Lebanon; Jerry Bullion, Harmony; Benny Goolsby, West Ripley; Billy Hoyt Richardson, Shady Grove; Charlie Paseur, Lebanon; and J. W. Dollar, Harmony.



WEST JACKSON STREET CHURCH, TUPELO, held a recognition service in honor of its Acteens, on the theme, "His Way, Mine." Bert Harper is the pastor. Pictured left to right, Mitzi Mann, Queen; Sharon Underwood, Queen with a Scepter and Queen Regent; Christy Robinson, Queen; Lauren Smith, Queen; Judith McFadden, Queen; Laynne Earnest, Queen; Leigh Earnest, Queen; and Roseanne McFadden, Queen.



GA's FROM FIRST CHURCH, TUPELO, used "Send the Light" as theme for their recent recognition service. Girls who received awards are pictured, left to right: 1st row: Jodi Long, Michelle Matthews, Christy Stetler, Emily Denton; 2nd row: Molly Robinson, Allyson Whitley, Kourtney Smith, Ashley Wallace; 3rd row: Elizabeth Bowlin, Amanda Bethay, Natalie Denton; 4th row: Allison Newman, Sharon Rice, Allison Wallace, Cindy Sappington, Brenda Ledbetter. GA director is Kathy Wallace. Pastor is Gayle Alexander.

Staff Changes

Carl Dickerson has accepted the call to serve as pastor of Magnolia Church, Laurel. He goes from Suburban Church, New Orleans, La. He is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary and is a native of Jackson, Miss.

Donald R. Dunavant has resigned as pastor of Clarksdale Baptist Church, effective July 29, to accept the position as director of church relations with Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis,

Norman Huggins has accepted the position as minister of music and youth at Wildwood Church, Laurel.



He is a graduate of William Carey College and New Orleans Seminary. Huggins, a native of Florida, previously served as minister of music at churches in Mississippi,

Huggins Louisiana, and Florida. Billy Murphy is pastor at Wildwood.

Wade Carver has resigned the pastorate of Mineral Wells Church, Northwest Association, in order to accept the pastorate of a church in Millington, Tenn.

Red Lick Church, Lorman, has called Marlon Seaney as pastor. He is a graduate of Clarke College and New Orleans Seminary. Seaney began his pastorate at Red Lick on July 1.

Providence Church, Bolivar County, has called Bill Salley as minister of music. He and his wife, Fran, moved to Cleveland from Kosciusko. He is a recent graduate of Holmes Junior College and will enter Delta State this fall. While at Holmes Junior College, he was music director at Pickens Church.

Jeff King, student at Delta State University, has resigned as minister of music at Merigold Church.

Revival Dates

Midway, Leake Association: July 22-27; 7 p.m.; evangelist, Jimmy Robinson, Cullman, Ala.; Buddy Puryear, pastor.

July 22 to 27; Roy Myers, pastor, current reserve funds. Rocky Creek Church, Lucedale, evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, Lucedale, music director; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; lunch at the church; weekday services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; LaRue Stephens, pastor.

First Church, Runnelstown: July 22 to 27; Mickey Bounds, Monroe, La., evangelist; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and immediately following lunch at the church; weekday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Bubba Lammons, music director; Danny L. Chaney, pastor.

Conferees narrow Senate clergy housing rider

By Larry Chesser

reconciling House and Senate versions of a large deficit reduction package significantly narrowed the scope of a Senate amendment extending housing tax breaks for clergy and military personnel.

The Senate amendment addressed a 1983 Internal Revenue Service ruling (Rev. Rul. 83-3) which disallowed ministers normal real estate tax and

Names in the News

Four Mississippians were a part of Southwestern Seminary's summer commencement exercises in Fort Worth, Tex. on July 13 at Travis Avenue Baptist Church. They were as Jan. 3, 1983.

Master of Arts in Religious Education: John Allan Cade, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cade, Greenwood; Pamela Lea Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hollingsworth of Aberdeen.

Master of Divinty: Robert Nelson Fortenberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Fortenberry, Jackson; James Clark Tanner, pastor of Southwood Baptist Church, Iuka.

Minor Crowell, the father of Clarke County director of missions Grady Crowell, died Monday. He was to have been buried at the Murphy's Creek Church, near Louisville.

WASHINGTON (BP)-Conferees mortgage interest deductions to the extent these housing expenses were paid by tax-exempt housing allowances. The Senate language would have prevented IRS from implementing the ruling before Jan. 1, 1986 and from issuing any similar ruling in the case of military housing before the

However, conferees drafting the final report for the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984 agreed to extend the effective date for the clergy housing ruling to Dec. 31, 1985, only for those ministers who owned and occupied or had a contract to purchase a home before

For other ministers, Rev. Ru. 83-3 which reversed long-standing IRS policy on clergy housing, took effect July 1, 1983. IRS had earlier extended until Jan. 1, 1985, the effective date for clergy in their houses or who had a contract to purchase houses before

Conferees also dropped the Senate language on military housing. IRS has not issued a ruling on military housing but has the issue under con-

Meanwhile, the Senate has added a broader clergy/military housing amendment to its version of the 1985 Defense Department Authorization bill now in conference with the

Sponsored by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the Senate amendment would by law bar IRS from implementing Rev. Rul. 83-3 or similar rulings for both clergy and military personnel.

(Larry Chesser writes for the Washington Bureau of Baptist Press.)

Education Commission adopts budget increase

By Lonnie Wilkey

The Education Commission of the gistration fees; and \$25,000 to be Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting here, approved a budget of \$90,280 for 1984-85, despite an increase of only 2.79 percent in Cooperative Program receipts.

The budget is a 6.2 percent increase over the previous year's total of \$461,500. Additional income will come from the sale of publications, Shady Grove Church, (Smith): interest-bearing accounts, and the

> In other action, the commission approved an expenditure of up to \$25,000 for the reserve fund to cover additional moving expenses, including furniture and draperies to the new SBC building currently under construction. The anticipated date for the move to 901 Commerce Street in Nashville, Tenn., is January 1985.

Commission members also adopted budget amounts of \$75,000 for the National Congress on Leadership at Gatlinburg, Tenn., June 4-7, 1986. Of this amount, approximately \$30,000 will come from the Education Commission budget; \$10,000 from the

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (BP)- commission's reserves; \$10,000 reraised by the funding subcommittee of the steering committee for the National Congress on Leadership.

Thomas S. Field, president emeritus of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and president of the Missouri Heart Institute, Columbia, Mo., was elected chairman of the Education Commission for 1984-85.

(Lonnie Wilkey writes for the Education Commission.)

Homecomings

West Jackson Church, Jackson: July 29; homecoming; Robert Wall, Clinton, Mississippi College staff, guest speaker; Bob Pollard, leading the music; covered dish dinner in the activities building after morning worship service; no evening service; Malcolm Massey, pastor. Previous information received had indicated that the homecoming would be July

By Bobby Lee, Tupelo II Kings 10:18-19, 24b-31

Jehu destroys worshipers of Baal 10:18-19, 24b-31). Jehu used deception to collect the Baal worshipers in one place so that he could kill them. He lied when he professed to be a Baal worshiper. Such deception is offensive to a modern reader, but the original writer and readers enjoyed Jehu's clever move to outwit his opponents.

Jehu wanted to purge Israel of all Baal worship. Therefore, he insisted that "all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests" be gathered together. They thought that they were gathered for "a great sacrifice." Instead, it was a great slaughter-their own.

Baal's "prophets" served as his spokesmen. The "priests" performed the rituals that were associated with Baal worship. The term "servants" referred to the common people who were devoted to Baal. The statement, "Let none be wanting," could be rendered literally: Let not a man be lacking. The term translated "sacrifice" may mean slaughter as well. Perhaps Jehu used the word with both meanings in mind.

Jehu's death threat for any Baal worshiper who did not show up for the sacrifice worked. All of them came (v. 21). "He shall not live" meant that any Baal worshiper who chose to stay away would be put to death. Jehu purposely covered up his real motive to "destroy the worshippers of Baal." His whole plan was carried out "in subtility."

Invitations went out, and all the Baal worshipers came into the house of Baal. Perhaps some Baal worshipers became suspicious when Jehu made sure that no "servants of the Lord" were among the Baal worshipers. With the help of eighty guards, Jehu slaughtered the assembled Baal worshipers.

Jehu purged Israel of Baal worship and destroyed the house of Ahab. But he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who led Israel to sin through worship that was associated with the golden calves at Bethel and Dan.

God blessed Jehu because of his faithfulness in carrying out his judgment against the house of Ahab, but God held him accountable for his

own failure to serve God correctly.

Jehu did right in destroying Ahab and the worship of Jezebel's Baal cult, but he did not go far enough. He removed one type of evil but did not replace it with faith in God and obedience to his law.

Jeroboam I established centers of worship at Dan and Bethel in an effort to prevent the people of Israel from journeying to Jerusalem for great festival days and once again desiring to unify the nation. Jeroboam I had borrowed from Egyptian and Canaanite religious practices when he set up the calves at these two shrines. Through the years, this compromise had led the people away from God and toward idolatry.

As time passed, these calves and the worship that went with them came to symbolize Israel's independence. Thus Jehu was quick to destroy the idolatrous practices associated with his enemy Ahab, but not those of Dan and Bethel. In effect what Jehu did was just to change the emphasis from one form of idolatry to another and not to turn the nation back to God.

Unity in Christ

By Charles E. Myers, Jackson Ephesians 2:11-22

In the first part of this second chap-verted German. Why should we talk ter of Ephesians Paul had spoken of about a converted Jew? What he was salvation by grace through faith. He saying is that a saving relationship said a true saving experience produced changes in the lives of those else and these things formerly consisaved. Some of the conditions exist- dered important are no longer siging in their fellowship indicated that nificant. some were not saved or were not letting God produce changes in them. There were divisions in the church and any division was contrary to he had in mind, but whatever it was God's purpose. The main division that was dividing them was pictured was between Jews and Gentile and was the result of prejudice on the part fellow pastor say that at one time he of both groups. Prejudice is to prejudge. They were not willing to ac- told his three-year-old daughter she cept each other as they were, but was never to cross that line. All that were still basing their feelings on separated her from the street was a pre-conceived ideas. Attitudes like line drawn on the ground by her this are not in keeping with the mind Daddy. He said she played in the yard of Christ and have no place in the all summer long and never once Christian church.

But if we are honest we must say that attitudes like these are all too wants to stay in the yard it does not common in our churches. When one take a fence to keep him there and if mentions the word prejudice most of he wants to get out, no fence can keep us think in terms of race and im- him in. Whether we obey or not demediately close our minds. Most of us are prejudiced when it comes to race physical circumstances. and that is unfortunate. We have preconceived ideas about what that par- says that objects which are drawn ticular group is like and so we lump toward a central object are drawn all people of that race into that group and decide we do not want to associate with an individual like that.

But race is not the only area of prejudice nor the only basis of division. from God. The simple truth is when We often divide ourselves on economic and social levels. We talk about blue collar and white collar, sions among us it is because we are labor and capital, men and women, and rural and urban. We even divide on things of lesser significance and claim to be good church members and Christians.

Paul said that in the family of God division should give way to unity.

In the first place if we have been saved we have been made one in Christ. Our new relationship with Christ takes precedence over every other relationship. Just as Paul could see every person as a person for whom Christ died, we must learn to family. And the fact they are family see each other as persons whom supercedes all other feelings and ac-Christ has saved. I had a seminary tions. This is the way it is supposed to professor who said he did not care for be in the church a sign advertising the speaker as a converted Jew. He said we do not talk about a converted Irishman, or con-

with Christ takes precedence over all

Paul also said Christ had "broken down the middle wall of partition" between us. We are not sure just what as a wall that separated. I heard a drew a line across his front yard and crossed that line. He said he learned from that experience that if a person pends more on attitude than upon

There is a law of physics which toward each other. This is certainly true in the Christian community. The opposite is also true. As we move away from each other we move away we are close to God we are close to each other and when there are diviaway from God.

Finally Paul reminded these people that they were a family, "of the household of God." There is an old saying that says "blood is thicker than water." By this it is meant that people of the same family are bound together better than friends and acquaintances. As family members we do not always like everything every member of the family does, we do not always agree with everything said, but we have a special feeling for our

Bible Book

Facing persecution as Christians

By Vernon L. Sikes, Yazoo City I Peter 3:13-4:19

As Christians, shouldn't we be exempt from suffering? Some versed in the Word correctly respond "no," so long as their lives are moving comfortably along. But put a little hardship in their paths and see how they

Peter continued his letter to the early Christians by speaking to them of the imminent persecutions which he had mentioned earlier (1:6-7). He had already reminded them of their special relationship to God (1:2); he had pointed to the greatness of God's salvation provided for them (1:3-12); he had called them to holy living reflective of God's spirit in them (1:13may have been the most difficult part for him to write. For the early Christians to live by what Peter had written would take more than Peter alone could give.

I. The Christian reaction to suffering

Peter had in mind referred to many 18). possible types of persecutionphysical torture imposed by the Roman government, trials in the Jewish-Gentile Christians' relationships, and personal wars between their new lives in Christ and their former fleshly lives. "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake . . . " (v. 14) included all forms of their suffering, but Peter was probably referring to the Roman persecutions.

Suffering was a very real part of the early Christians' lives, but they didn't need to fear if they were "... followers of that which is good" (v. because they represented evil at its ian will look for ways to be of service

they were suffering because of ".... righteousness' sake . . .'

What is the basis of our Christianity? Can we explain to a non-believer what we believe and on what we base our Christian hope? Peter instructed the Christians to "... be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you . . ." but to give that defense "... with meekness and fear" (v. 15). The Christian's best defense of his Christianity lies not in uncontrolled and thoughtless words, but in a life that is demonstrative of his love for Christ. Then, "they may 3:12). Now, he was faced with what be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ" (v. 16). Verse 17 reminds us of his earlier words (2:20) which praised suffering he had written amidst persecution suffering because of some wrongdo-

II. A suffering Christ (3:18-22)

Though the Christians were suffering untold persecutions, Peter reminded them that their Lord had suf-The nature of the suffering that fered even to the point of death (v.

point, departed from his words of their change of priorities (v. 4) but consolation in order to discuss the that they would be judged and death of Christ in its relationship to punished at the beginning of the eterman's salvation.

In 3:18-20 lies the subject of much & 6) theological debate and the cause of division in some churches. Peter said that Christ, having been put to death and made alive in the Spirit, "... went and reached unto the spirits in prison . . . " (vv. 18-19). Peter had re-

happy, not afraid or troubled (v. 14) if verses make-up volumes of studies, but many Bible scholars feel that Peter was referring to the availability of God's ministry (called the "preincarnate Christ" by some) even in the early days of Noah.

> The urgency of baptism was Peter's appeal in vv. 21-22. Baptism is a symbol of our identification with Christ-his death, his burial, and his resurrection. It is a way of clearing ourselves, our conscience before God. Peter viewed baptism as an appeal to God for a clear consciencenot as a means of removing physical or spiritual dirt.

III. The joy of suffering (4:1-19)

Peter charged the Christians to endure suffering as Christ endured it ". . . with the same mind" (v. 1). One was a challenge, but to live by what in the name of goodness as opposed to of the results of suffering that Peter brought out here was the Christian's approach to sin. No longer was sin a dominating force in the Christian's

Just as the Christian's whole frame of mind changes sin in his life, changes are made in the quality of friends. Peter warned that former For some reason, Peter, at this friends would scorn them because of nal order for the way they lived (vv. 5

In vv. 7-11 Peter urged the recipients of his letter to love righteously and to be of service to God through service to their fellowmen because . the end of all things is at hand" (v. 7). Having a genuine Christian ference here to the disobedient love for mankind will cover a mulpeople of Noah's day (v. 20) perhaps titude of sins (v. 8) in that the Christ-13). Peter called upon them to be worst. The explications of these few to others instead of looking for their

sins and weaknesses.

How could there be joy in suffering? First of all, it had to be a blameless suffering—not as punishment for some wrongdoing (v. 13). If they were suffering because of their Christian stand, they were not to be ashamed (v. 16), but rather to rejoice as they shared the sufferings of Christ and looked forward to the day of their glory with Christ (v. 13). Though the early Christians' state in the world was a miserable one of pain, the day would come when all would be judged by God, and his judgment would be dire indeed for the Christians' persecutors.

What a wonderful message of hope it is for us, but how do we react to our Christian suffering as it ceases to be a point of discussion and becomes a

